

Unequal Relations, 8th ed. (Fleras)

CHAPTER 2

THE POLITICS OF RACE

Multiple Choice

Select the best available response.

MC 2-1

According to the case study on police racial profiling, survey data from Toronto, Kingston, and Montreal point to the following conclusion.

- a. Young black males are proportionately less likely to be stopped by the police
- b. Young black males are disproportionately more likely to be stopped by the police
- c. Young white males commit more crime than young black males.
- d. Police stop young white males more frequently based on their proportion of the population.

Answer: b

Difficulty: 2

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MC 2-2

According to the text, why does race matter in Canada?

- a. Because race is biologically real
- b. Because race can be scientifically measured.
- c. Because inferences about race increase the probability of making something happen
- d. Because Canada is a colour-blind society that abides by the principles of multiculturalism.

Answer: c

Difficulty: 2

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MC 2-3

According to the text, references to race must avoid dismissing it as purely fictional without falling into the trap of _____ it as definitive category.

- a. dismissing
- b. defining
- c. reifying
- d. denying

Answer: c

Difficulty: 2

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MC 2-4

What is the name of the theorem that explicitly says: "Phenomena do not have to be real to be

real in their consequences”?

- a. Marxist
- b. Racialization
- c. Thomas
- d. Scientific racism

Answer: c
Difficulty: 1
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MC 2-5

What is the process by which the focus of the race concept shifts from a ‘thing’ to that of a ‘process’ based on the power of some to impose labels on others?

- a. Racial rashomon
- b. Racialization
- c. Race typology
- d. Eugenics

Answer: b
Difficulty: 1
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MC 2-6

Which era is associated with a commitment to classify and explain the diversity of world’s life forms into a single grand scheme?

- a. The Enlightenment
- b. The Age of Exploration
- c. The Era of Colonialism
- d. The Age of Imperialism

Answer: a
Difficulty: 2
Page: 38-39

MC 2-7

The text lists three doctrines of racial superiority. Which of the following is NOT included as a doctrine?

- a. Scientific racism
- b. Eugenics
- c. Social Darwinism
- d. Racialization

Answer: d
Difficulty: 1
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MC 2-8

Nineteenth century race concepts shared a number of key features. Which of the following features does NOT belong to the traditional concept of race?

- a. Race is a social construct
- b. The world can be divided into fixed groups
- c. Racial groups possess a distinctive set of physical and social characteristics
- d. Racially distinct groups can be arranged in ascending and descending order

Answer: a

Difficulty: 1

Page: 38-39

MC 2-9

What do we call the classification of human beings into a number of categories that are ranked in ascending and descending orders of superiority and inferiority?

- a. Race typology
- b. Racialization
- c. Race Relations
- d. Race concept

Answer: a

Difficulty: 2

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MC 2-10

What doctrine upheld the belief that races who were better adapted in the struggle for survival were more likely to survive?

- a. Social Darwinism
- b. Eugenics
- c. Scientific Racism
- d. Race typology

Answer: a

Difficulty: 1

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MC 2-11

What would you be called if you believed that one could improve the quality of the human species by encouraging the ruling classes to reproduce while discouraging the poorer classes from having children?

- a. A Social Darwinist
- b. A Eugenicist
- c. A Scientific Racist
- d. A Race Traitor

Answer: b

Difficulty: 1

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MC 2-12

What is the name for the racial dogma associated with the testing of intelligence?

- a. Stanford Binet test
- b. The Bell Curve
- c. Scientific Racism
- d. IQ exam

Answer: c

Difficulty: 1

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MC 2-13

Reference to racialization draws attention to the concept of race as _____.

- a. Biological fact
- b. Empirical reality
- c. Scientific construct
- d. Social construct

Answer: d

Difficulty: 1

Page: 44

MC 2-14

There is no such thing as race relations, according to the concept of racialization, only relationships that have been _____ by those with the power to do so.

- a. De-classified
- b. Classified
- c. Racialized
- d. Neutralized

Answer: c

Difficulty: 3

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MC 2-15

What is the term used to describe how meanings that people assign to reality often influence their actions which, in turn, reinforces the validity of the original meaning?

- a. Racialization
- b. Racial rashomon
- c. Self-fulfilling prophecy
- d. Social construct

Answer: c

Difficulty: 1

Page: 47

MC 2-16

The case study on Whiteness Matters argues that white privilege could only exist in this type of society.

- a) Post racial society
- b) Systemic white society

- c) Colour-blind society
- d) Multicultural society

Answer: b

Difficulty: 1

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MC 2-17

According to the textbook, reference to whiteness should be interpreted as _____ for purposes of analysis.

- a. Biological race
- b. Logical fiction
- c. An empirical reality with measurable qualities
- d. As if it were a race

Answer: d

Difficulty: 2

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MC 2-18

Three interlinked dimensions of whiteness can be discerned. Two of these are structural advantage and standpoint. What is the third dimension of whiteness in this list

- a. Social location
- b. Racialization
- c. Post raciality
- d. Unmarked cultural practices

Answer: d

Difficulty: 1

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MC 2-19

According to the text, reference to a post-racial and colour-blind society acknowledges that

- a. Racism no longer exists
- b. Racism no longer matters
- c. Race no longer matters in shaping access or opportunity
- d. The legacy of slavery in the United States is now addressed

Answer: c

Difficulty: 2

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MC 2-20

According to the text, it is more accurate to say _____ minorities rather than racial minorities.

- a. race
- b. visible

- c. ethnic
- d. racialized

Answer: d
Difficulty: 1
Page: 45

MC 2-21

A widespread belief that race no longer matters because of all Canadians are equal before law is believed to be a sign of a ____ society.

- a. Racialized
- b. Colour blind
- c. Race conscious
- d. Non racist

Answer: b
Difficulty: 1
Page: 54-55

MC 2-22

Reference to a racial rashomon effect is strongly linked to the concept of ____

- a) Social location
- b) Racelessness
- c) Post-racial
- d) Racialization

Answer: a
Difficulty: 2
Page: 58

MC 2-23

The process by which the same incident is differently interpreted because people are differently located in society is known as _____

- a. racialization
- b. racial profiling
- c. Rashomon effect
- d. Collective redefinition

Answer: c
Difficulty: 2
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MC 2-24

According to the case study, the debate over police racial profiling tends to pivot around the issue of:

- a) Post-racial vs Colour-blind policing
- b) Profiling as a few bad apples vs rotten institutional barrel
- c) Race matters vs race doesn't matter
- d) Race vs racialization in police profiling

Answer: b
Difficulty: 1
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MC 2-25

According to the text, the emergence of a Black Lives Matter movement is proof that United States is a now post-racial society. True or False?

- a) True
- b) False

Answer: b
Difficulty: 1
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Fill in the Blanks

F 2-26

The theorem that says: "Phenomena do not have to be real to be real in their consequences" is known as the _____ theorem.

Answer: Thomas
Difficulty: 3
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F 2-27

A transformative shift in thinking about race is in progress. Race is no longer seen as a biological 'thing', but rather race as a socially constructed '_____'.

Answer: process or activity
Difficulty: 2
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F 2-28

The concept of _____ embodies the process by which the focus of the race concept shifts from a 'thing' (noun) to that of a 'process' (verb)?

Answer: racialization
Difficulty: 2
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F 2-29

The concept of _____ refers to the belief that the world can be divided into fixed groups with a corresponding set of physical, cognitive, and social characteristics.

Answer: race
Difficulty: 2
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F 2-30

The classification of human beings into a number of categories that are ranked in ascending and descending orders of superiority and inferiority is known as a race _____

Answer: typology

Difficulty: 2

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F 2-31

Which doctrine borrowed from Darwin's theory of natural selection and applied it to the human species to account for a hierarchy of human differences? (two words) _____

Answer: Social Darwinism

Difficulty: 1

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F 2-32

What doctrine argued that the human race could be improved through selective reproduction?

Answer: eugenics

Difficulty: 2

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F 2-33

What is the name of the race-based dogma that was linked to the testing of intelligence by way of IQ tests? _____

Answer: Scientific Racism

Difficulty: 2

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F 2-34

Race has no biological or scientific validity, but rather must be seen as a _____ construct.

Answer: social

Difficulty: 2

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F 2-35

What is the name for the process in which social significance is attached to biological features; in turn, biological significance is imposed on social features such as groups or activities?

Answer: racialization

Difficulty: 3

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F 2-36

The term used to describe how meanings that people assign to reality often influence their

actions which, in turn, proves the original meaning is known as (two words) ____ - _____
_____?

Answer: self-fulfilling prophecy

Difficulty: 3

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F 2-37

According to the text, there is no such thing as race relations, only relationships that have been _____.

Answer: racialized

Difficulty: 2

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F 2-38

Two of the three interlinked dimensions of whiteness are structural advantage and unmarked cultural practices. The third dimension is _____

Answer: standpoint or social location

Difficulty: 2

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F 2-39

The belief that race no longer matters in shaping access or opportunity is often associated with the emergence of a ____-____ society.

Answer: post-racial or colour-blind

Difficulty: 1

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F 2-40

The concept that neither reality nor objective truth exists, but only discourses about truth and reality, with the result that people tend to see the world out there in fundamentally different ways depending on where they are socially located is known as the _____ Effect.

Answer: Rashomon

Difficulty: 2

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Essay Question

E 2-41

The chapter on the Politics of Race is organized around three major themes, namely, that race once mattered, that it continues to matter, and that it will continue to matter, despite claims of Canada as increasingly a colour-blind and race-neutral society. Indicate the validity of all (or one of the) three assessments by demonstrating the centrality of the race concept in the past, (or) at present, and (or) in the future. (Answer p 38-57).