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FINAL EXAM (80 Points)

I. Multiple Choice and True/False (2 points each). Choose the best answer for each question.

1. When C. Loring Brace describes race as a social construct in the introduction to his book, he means that
 - a. it can be traced back to the foundations of socialist political philosophy.
 - b. it is not real.
 - c. “we” (people) have created it.
 - d. to be politically correct, we must accept that all races are equal (even though there are genetic differences that underlie them).

2. Why did France want a colony in the site they selected for New Orleans?
 - a. The climate, warm and breezy, was exceedingly comfortable for potential residents.
 - b. At a time when people depended heavily on waterborne transportation for trade, it was strategically located near both the Gulf of Mexico and a river providing access to the interior of the North American continent.
 - c. It provided a competitive edge in the race against England to colonize North America.
 - d. It was the site of enormous plant and animal diversity, providing tremendous opportunities for research and discovery in the natural sciences.

3. In the mid-to-late 1800s, what happened to the three-tiered racial classification scheme that predominated in the historically French-speaking Creole part of New Orleans?

- a. It was virtually maintained, albeit through massive efforts at organizing and through political protest.
 - b. It was expanded to encompass the entire city, not just specific neighborhoods.
 - c. After the Civil War and *Plessy v. Ferguson* (enforcing state laws establishing “separate but equal” segregation), it basically disappeared.
 - d. Free people of color were asked to leave the city in enormous forced migrations.
4. The social organizations that typically put on many of the most famous Mardi Gras parades are called
- a. groups.
 - b. second lines.
 - c. tribes.
 - d. krewes.
5. Mardi Gras Indians traditionally trace their cultural practice to a legend about Native Americans helping runaway slaves escape through the swamps surrounding New Orleans, though there is no historical evidence supporting this claim. This shows that Mardi Gras Indians
- a. are engaged in an illegitimate form of expression
 - b. are fake
 - c. derive great meaning from a fictional past and identity
 - d. have little appreciation for the importance of tradition
6. Zeitoun is from which country originally?
- a. Sudan
 - b. Saudi Arabia

- c. Syria
 - d. Somalia
7. Zeitoun's older brother, a world-renowned swimmer who was killed in a car accident when Zeitoun was young.
- a. Ahmad
 - b. Adnan
 - c. Nasser
 - d. Mohammed
8. Which of the following expresses a true statement about Islam and its beliefs?
- a. Mohammed is equivalent to God, or the principle deity.
 - b. Judaism and Christianity have no relationship to it.
 - c. Jesus is not believed to have existed.
 - d. Mohammed is a prophet, or deliverer of the message of God.
9. True or False: In the excerpt we read from *Too Big to Know*, Weinberger's basic claim was that the form knowledge takes is irrelevant – whether paper-based, or network-based, it has remained essentially the same over time.
10. True or False. Folklore is best defined as that which is old or old-fashioned, exotic, rural, peasant, and/or dying out.

II. Short Answer (4 points each).

11. Create a convergent question:
12. Create a divergent question: