

Quiz #9

Chapter 7 – *Magic and Divination*

1. What is magic? When might it be used?
2. What's the difference between illusion and magic?
3. What is the difference between science and magic?
4. T/F In most societies magic, religion and science co-exist.
5. T/F According to the Law of Similarity, things that are alike are the same.
6. T/F Homeopathic magic is the same thing as contagious magic.
7. Contagious magic can be applied to: (select those that apply)
a. the placenta b. personal clothing c. nail clippings d. portrait paintings e. photographs
7. What can imitative magic be applied to?
8. Which kind of magic might employ the use of a voodoo doll?
9. T/F Both sorcerers and magicians can be considered evil figures.
10. How might a farmer use magic to ensure his success?
11. What kinds of magic do Trobrianders value?
12. T/F Apprenticeship is the most common way to learn magic.
13. T/F The formulas for spells are frequently adapted to function more effectively in present day environments.

14. What causes bad luck? Good luck? What evidence do we have to verify this?
15. T/F Magic often is performed to bring on events that will appear naturally.
16. When performing a ritual does not bring about desired ends, who/what might be faulted?
17. T/F We're more likely to remember failures than successes.
18. How do the Australian Aborigines of Arnhem Land rely on magical beliefs regarding death that prove to be true?
19. What is the difference between fortuitous and deliberate divination techniques?
20. Where did astrology originate?
 - a. Greece b. Rome c. Egypt d. Babylonia
21. Why do you think astrology is so popular in the U.S.?

Baseball Magic

1. Trobrianders practice magic when: (select those that apply)
 - a. gardening b. fishing inside of lagoons c. canoeing in unfamiliar waters d. constructing canoes e. making baskets and pots
2. Malinowski contends that preliterate peoples use magic to: (select those that apply)
 - a. reduce anxiety b. provide a feeling of control c. increase their knowledge of the world d. to ensure safety and success.
3. How and why are baseball players like Trobriand fishermen?
4. According to Gmelch baseball players do not use magic when:
 - a. hitting b. fielding c. pitching d. running
5. What are some examples of ritual actions that baseball players engage in?
6. What are some examples of baseball taboos? How do they come about?

7. T/F Once a baseball player starts to rely on magic, it's likely he'll require it to keep up his confidence.

Strange Beliefs

1. T/F Evans Pritchard studied witchcraft amongst the Azande of Africa.
2. How do the Azande explain things that don't work out as expected?
3. T/F Rituals of divination involve the use of oracles and omens.
4. Compare and contrast oracles, omens and ordeals.
5. What oracles do the Azande consult?
6. Why are Azande witch-doctors trusted despite much evidence that challenges their reliability?
7. How does divination differ from operating an oracle?
8. What must a Azande diviner ingest to acquire *mangu*?
9. T/F Control over the poison oracle is a principle source of prestige for older Azande men.
10. What sort of involvement do Azande women have with the poison oracle?
11. In conducting a poison oracle seance, what needs to be considered?
12. T/F The oracle is offered very limited information by the consulting Azande men.
13. How do the Azande frame the questions they ask of the oracles?