

**Jurmain CHAPTER 15 Study Guide: MODERN HUMAN BIOLOGY: PATTERNS OF  
VARIATION STUDENT**

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. Categorizing people on the basis of skin color
  - A. is mostly a twentieth century phenomenon.
  - B. has been practiced only by Western Europeans.
  - C. is a valid approach to racial taxonomy.
  - D. has a long history and has been practiced by many peoples.
  - E. began with Christopher Columbus.
2. The first scientific attempt to classify humans based on biological variation was by
  - A. Christopher Columbus.
  - B. the ancient Egyptians.
  - C. J. F. Blumenbach.
  - D. C. Linnaeus
  - E. none of these
3. Deterministic (or racist) views concerning human variation were held by
  - A. Benjamin Franklin.
  - B. Thomas Jefferson.
  - C. Oliver Wendell Holmes.
  - D. none of these
  - E. all of these
4. The false belief that there is a relationship between physical traits and certain behavioral traits such as intelligence and morals is called
  - A. eugenics.
  - B. monogenism.
  - C. polygenism.
  - D. biological determinism.
  - E. homeostasis.
5. The philosophy of "race improvement" through the forced sterilization of some groups and the encouraged reproduction of others is termed
  - A. eugenics.
  - B. genetics.
  - C. monogenism.
  - D. polygenism.
  - E. none of these
6. The person responsible for popularizing eugenics among 19th century Europeans was
  - A. Charles Darwin.
  - B. Georges Cuvier.
  - C. Charles Lyell.
  - D. Francis Galton.
  - E. Thomas Jefferson.