ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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1	B	2	D	3	C	4	A	5	C										

Explanations

1. ***An appropriate title for the passage might be:***
✓ B) Scientific Study Of Race
Both paragraphs deal with how race has been studied. Paragraph 1 mocks the false 'authorities' on race, and paragraph 2 explains why the **scientific study of race** has made little progress. **Scientific Study Of Race** covers the whole passage. The other options are too narrow, since psychology, anthropology and the three factors are only parts of the argument. **Man in Process** is the title of the book the extract comes from, not a summary of this passage.

2. ***Who, according to the author, is a great authority on the subject of human races?***
✓ D) The author mentions no such persons.
The author is being **ironic**. He says the so-called authorities such as Gobineau and Chamberlain had only 'a well-rounded ignorance and unshakeable confidence'. So he names no one he really considers a great authority. Not **anyone who develops a hoarse throat**: the author says such people have been able to **set themselves up** as authorities, which is mockery, not praise.

3. ***Cross out the incorrect statement below:***
✓ C) Sociologists have done better than psychologists or indeed biologists in understanding the problems of race.
Paragraph 2 says that psychologists ignored sociological and biological factors, while sociologists ignored psychological and biological ones. Neither group did better than the other, so the statement that sociologists did better is incorrect. All the other statements match the passage. Listening to the 'authorities' increases one's ignorance. The situation in science is **incomparably better** (much better) but still not all that could be desired. The subject was studied **in a piecemeal manner** by separate specialists who did not combine their fields.

4. ***What modern anthropology must learn to do is***
✓ A) to see man as he is: at the intersection of the social and the biological universes.
The author criticises the modern anthropologist who treats man 'as if he were constituted of two distinct and separate universes, a social and a physical'. He wants students who **combine** psychology, sociology and biology. So anthropology must see man as both social and biological at once. Not **to treat man as if he were made up of two distinct universes**: this is exactly the mistake the author criticises.

5. ***Mark out the appropriate interpretation:***
✓ C) The prominent characteristic of people like Gobineau is their full ignorance of the subject.
Paragraph 1 says the main qualification of such 'authorities' is 'a **well-rounded ignorance** and unshakeable confidence'. In other words, people like Gobineau knew almost nothing about the subject. Not the option about a **hoarse throat**: that phrase is ironic and means anyone who can shout loudly. It is not a real requirement for becoming an authority.

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