

## Assess

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### A. Identify the following.

Justified,  
true belief

1. According to Greek philosophy, this is required in order to establish something as true.

Consensus  
theory

2. This theory of knowledge considers truth as based on agreement from the majority of people.

Correspondence  
theory

3. This theory believes that truth must conform to reality.

Coherence  
theory

4. This theory holds that something is true if it can be understood within a certain context.

Constructivist  
theory

5. This theory believes that societies are able to construct their own knowledge and what is true is shaped by social and cultural forces.

Pragmatic  
theory

6. This theory considers something as true if it is useful and verifiable.

Fallacies

7. These are errors in reasoning, specifically, in the content of the arguments or statements.

Biases

8. These are tendencies or influences which affect the views of people.

B. Identify which theories of knowledge are referred to in the following statements or scenarios. Write the letters of your choice.

- A. Correspondence
- B. Coherence
- C. Constructivist

- D. Consensus
- E. Pragmatic

- D   1. A 2013 survey of scientific journals established that majority of scientists believe human activities have directly caused global warming and climate change.
- B   2. The ancient Aztecs believed that there existed four worlds prior to this one, and that the world is eventually destroyed and renewed through the sacrifice of the gods.
- B   3. The practice of Muslim women wearing the veil must be understood within the framework of Islamic ethics. The *hijab* is seen not only as a symbol of modesty and privacy, but also as a sign of adherence to the Muslim faith.
- E   4. In 1998, two independent astronomical studies obtained evidence proving the hypothesis that the universe is continually expanding at an accelerating rate.
- C   5. Increased education for women, economic changes, and the influx of Western influences have resulted in a gradual change in India's once-rigid caste system as evidenced by increased cases of intercaste dating and marriages.
- A   6. Ice is water in frozen or solid form.
- D   7. In the landmark case of *Miranda v. Arizona*, the US Supreme Court voted 5-4 on a decision that establishes the right of the accused to be informed of his rights, particularly the right to legal counsel and the right against self-incrimination upon his arrest.