



Daily Article (Bharath's Reading list) - Answers and Explanations 31.10.2023

Article link : [Link](#) (Evolution and Our Obsession with True Crime)

1. According to the author, our obsession with true crime is due to:

- A. Our tendency for vicariousness, as true crime gives us a chance to imagine ourselves doing things we wouldn't do in reality
- B. Our morbid curiosity, as true crime provides a test run for our minds, a simulation of danger our minds are designed to detect and avoid
- C. Modern cultural trends, which started with the 1600s and culminated in the modern incarnation popular today
- D. All the above

Explanation : B

Option B is clearly stated. The author states that he does not find the 'Theory of Vicariousness' convincing. Also, true crime, according to the author 'seems to be a defining feature of human curiosity'. So, options A and C are incorrect.

2. According to the author, there are some "unresolvable problems" with evolutionary psychology and sociobiology as:

- A. Fossils are difficult to find and are only partly useful in helping us make sense of the modern world
- B. The only remnants of the distant past that we can easily study are physical, not mental
- C. Evolutionary dynamics cannot be used to convincingly explain the origins of human cognition and behavior
- D. Our perceptions of reality, and the window with which we experience the world, have changed over time

Explanation: B

Note the lines, 'There are some unresolvable problems with these fields, because we don't have a time machine, and the only remnants of the distant past that we can easily study are physical, not mental. Thoughts don't leave fossils.'

3. According to the author, the true crime genre is marked by a ____ in story lines, which can be remarkably ____.

- A. Consistency, similar
- B. Divergence, dissimilar
- C. Interchangeability, similar
- D. Convergence, diverse

Explanation: D

The author says that though the storylines of the true crime genre can be remarkably diverse, there is a convergence or commonality across these.