

SEMINAR IN SOCIAL FOUNDATIONS

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*Summary of
Responses by Teachers,
Boston, Camp II,*

- Note: (a) You are asked to react to the following statements. If you agree with a statement write "A" in the blank; if you disagree, write in a "D"; if you are doubtful write in a "?"
- (b) If you disagree write, in the space provided, your view of the question or issue implied in the statement.
- (c) If you are doubtful, state why you are doubtful.

1. Fundamentally man is the same the world over--you can't change human nature. ()
A---14 D--- 9 ?--- 4
2. The evidence available supports the proposition that some races are definitely superior to others. ()
A--- 6 D---19 ?--- 1
3. One of the factors that is weakening American life is inter-marriage among the races. ()
A---0 D---24 ?---0
4. Since man has an instinct for fighting, it is folly to think of abolishing war. ()
A--- 3 D---21 ?---1
5. The Oriental and Caucasian races are so definitely opposite that it is hopeless to expect that one group can ever assimilate representatives of the other group. ()
A--- 2 D---23 ?--- 1
6. Scientists are able to divide man into five distinct races. ()
A--- 4 D--- 9 ?---11
7. Because the mass of people are unable to think it is necessary for well-intentioned leaders to decide important questions for them. ()
A--- 1 D---22 ?--- 2
8. The size of the human head is a good indication of the intelligence of the individual. ()
A--- 0 D---25 ?---0
9. Since anthropologists have found all manner of customs practiced by people over the earth, there is no way of knowing which custom is better than another. ()
A---12 D---19 ?--- 3 (1995)

10. In spite of certain superficial changes in man's outlook, the eternal verities remain the same yesterday, today, and forever. (_____)

A---18

D--- 3

?--- 4

11. America's progress is due to the fact that each man was free to pursue his own ends. (_____)

A---12

D--- 8

?--- 4

12. In spite of appearances to the contrary, there is a power that is working through the affairs of man toward ultimate perfection. (_____)

A---17

D---0

?--- 8

13. A great issue that faces us today is that of choosing between freedom and security. (_____)

A---11

D---10

?--- 4

14. The basic economic issue that must be faced following the war is: capitalism versus totalitarianism. (_____)

A---10

D--- 9

?--- 6

15. Religion is so important that it ought to be taught in our public schools. (_____)

A---12

D--- 7

?--- 6

16. The prime incentive to industry among all peoples is the drive to accumulate private property. (_____)

A---12

D---9

?--- 4

17. If a way could be found in which to distribute the products of our farms and factories more evenly among the people, this would be true progress. (_____)

A---16

D--- 3

?--- 4

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