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**EXAM 3**  
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In our discussion of the concept of “race,” we noted the lack of biological evidence legitimizing “race” as an accurate descriptor of the phenotypical differences between diverse human populations. The biological reality and the cultural reality of race are opposing forces that expose the social aspect of human interaction.

The attached paper, *Social Construction and the Concept of Race*, by Edouard Machery and Luc Faucher, examines both biological and cultural bases of race as a classificatory system. In a 3 to 5 page essay based on your reading of this paper, present an argument that race is based more heavily on (a) a misinterpretation of biology, (b) a culturally constructed set of beliefs, or (c) an adaptive device based on ethnic cognition.

Your paper is due on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at the beginning of class. You may use either MLA or APA formats. Additional resources are not required but if you should use additional resources, please include a citation page.

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