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1976 Census Identifications

Instructions: Below are the racial categories that Brazilians used to describe themselves in the 1976 census. The translations are in parentheses. Read the list and answer the questions that follow.

1. Acastanhala (cashewlike tint; caramel colored)
2. Agalegada (an often derogatory term for Galician; features considered gross and mishappen)
3. Alva (pure white)
4. Alva-escura (dark or off-white)
5. Alverenta (or aliviero, “shadow in the water”)
6. Alvarinta (tinted or bleached white)
7. Alva-rosada (or jambote, roseate, white with pink highlights)
8. Alvinha (bleached; whitewashed)
9. Amarela (yellow)
10. Amarelada (yellowish)
11. Amarela-queremada (burnt yellow or ochre)
12. Amarelosa (yellowed)
13. Amorencada (tannish)
14. Avermelhada (reddish, with blood vessels showing through skin)
15. Azul (blue)
16. Azul-marinho (deep bluish)
17. Baiano (Bahian or ebony)
18. Bem-branca (very white)
19. Bem-clara (parchment-like; translucent)
20. Bem-morena (very dusky)
21. Branca (white)
22. Branca-avermelhada (peace white)
23. Branca-melada (honey toned)
24. Branca-morena (darkish white)
25. Branca-pálida (pallid)
26. Branca-queimada (sunburned white)
27. Branca-sardenta (white with brown spots)
28. Branca-suja (dirty white)
29. Branquiça (a white variation)
30. Bronce (bronze)
31. Bronzeada (bronzed tan)
32. Bugresinha-escura (Indian characteristics)
33. Bugrezinga-escara (Indian characteristics)
34. Burro-quando-foge (“burro running away,” implying racial mixture of unknown origin; the opposite of cor-firma)
35. Cabo-clara (clear, cashew-like)
36. Cabo-escara (dark, cashew-like)
37. Café (coffee)
38. Café-com-leite (coffee with milk)
39. Canela (cinnamon)
40. Canelada (tawny)
41. Cardão (thistle colored)
42. Castanha (cashew)
43. Castanha-clara (clear, cashew-like)
44. Castanha-escara (dark, cashew-like)
45. Chocolate (chocolate brown)
46. Clara (light)
47. Clarinha (very light)
48. Cobre (copper hued)
49. Corada (ruddy)
50. Cor-de-café (tint of coffee)
51. Cor-de-canela (tint of cinnamon)
52. Cor-de-cuia (tea-colored; prostitute)
53. Cor-de-leite (milky)
54. Cor-de-orro (golden)
55. Cor-de-rosa (pink)
56. Cor-firma (“no doubt about it”)
57. Crioula (little servant or slave; African)
58. Encerada (waxy)
59. Enxofrada (pallid yellow; jaundiced)
60. Esbranqueimento (mostly white)
61. Escura (dark)
62. Escurinha (semi-dark)
63. Fogoio (florid; flushed)
64. Galega (see agalegada above)
65. Galegada (Ibid.)
66. Jambo (like a fruit the deep-red color of a blood orange)
67. Laranja (orange)
68. Lilás (lily)
69. Loira (blond hair and white skin)
70. Loira-clara (pale blond)
71. Loura (blond)
72. Lourinha (flaxen)
73. Malaia (from Malabar)
74. Marinheira (dark greyish)
75. Marrom (brown)
76. Meio-amerela (mid-yellow)
77. Meio-branca (mid-white)
78. Meio-morena (mid-tan)
79. Meio-preta (mid-Negro)
80. Melada (honey colored)
81. Mestiza (mixture of white and Indian)
82. Miscigenação (mixed—literally miscegenated)
83. Mista (mixed)
84. Morena (tan)
85. Morena-bem-chegada (very tan)
86. Morena-bronzeada (bronzed tan)
87. Morena-canelada (cinnamon-like brunette)
88. Morena-castanha (cashew-like tan)
89. Morena clara (light tan)
90. Morena-cor-de-canela (cinnamon-hued brunette)
91. Morena-jambo (dark red)
92. Morenada (mocha)