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Q6(b)

"The agenda of biological anthropology became more scientific from the middle of the twentieth century." Justify

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(b) Biological Anthropology.

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Sherwood Washburn

He called for a new physical anthropology based on evolutionary function, fossils and primate behaviour rather than racial typology.

Theodosius Dobzhansky

A principal architect of the modern synthesis who framed humans as genetically variable populations.

Boas on head form

Franz Boas showed that cranial form could change across immigrant generations, undermining fixed racial types even before the mid-century turn.

Olduvai and radiometric dating

Leakey excavations plus potassium-argon dating placed early hominins in a measured African timescale.

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