Research indicates that a person's culture has considerable impact on behavior, therefore making professional awareness of culture, diversity, and cultural competency essential for effective practice. Forensic populations are some of the most diverse of all treatment populations, thus making cultural competence an important attribute for those who administer treatment in forensic settings. In fact, the American Psychological Association (APA) emphasizes multicultural competency as a vital skill for clinical practice. Cultural awareness and competency are necessary for the skilled treatment provider in any setting and particularly in forensic settings.

Question 1:

A brief summary of the results of your self-assessment and the implications of these results in terms of your cultural awareness and competence. Describe your reaction to these results and explain how you plan to use this information to further develop your cultural competence and accomplish your professional goals

**Cultural Competency and Treatment**

You know by now that forensic treatment settings serve culturally diverse populations. In this course and academic program, the terms *diversity* and *culture* are broadly defined to include not only race and ethnicity but also religion, gender, physical ability, socioeconomic status, and age. You need to take all aspects of culture into consideration when you select treatment outcomes and approaches. Because culture is so ingrained, cultural-related issues may not be readily apparent to the treatment provider or the offender. However, culture impacts the treatment process whether recognized or not. In order to treat forensic populations effectively, the treatment provider must be aware of the impact of cultural considerations and bring cultural competencies to the treatment process

**Question 2:**

Cite the research article and state the specific diversity population that you researched.

Briefly summarize the research article and explain how the role of culture is addressed in the treatment of the specific forensic population in the study.

Analyze the role of culture in the treatment of forensic populations, in general. Use specifics from your selected research article to support your analysis.