**Unit 3 - Week 1**

**Assignment-1**

The due date for submitting this assignment has passed. As per our records you have not submitted this assignment. **Due on 2019-02-13, 23:59 IST.**

1) Within the field of postcolonial studies, what will the history of postcolonial India mean? **1 point**

- a) Indian history after India's independence on 15th August, 1947
- b) Indian history after India adopted her own constitution on 26th January, 1950
- c) Indian history from 18th century onwards, when the initial impact of European colonialism started being felt across the Indian subcontinent
- d) Indian history from 12th century onwards, when the Muslim rule started spreading across the Indian subcontinent

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

- c) Indian history from 18th century onwards, when the initial impact of European colonialism started being felt across the Indian subcontinent

2) Although Britain was a colonizing nation, can we still meaningfully talk about a "postcolonial Britain"? **1 point**

- a) Yes, because both Britain and its colonies are part of the Commonwealth group of nations
- b) Yes, because colonialism is a two-way traffic which affects both the colonizing as well as the colonized countries
- c) Yes, because Britain was also once a colony of the Roman empire
- d) No, colonialism only affects the colonies, not the metropolis

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

- b) Yes, because colonialism is a two-way traffic which affects both the colonizing as well as the colonized countries

3) According to Salman Rushdie, Commonwealth Literature is a problematic category **1 point**

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Which of the following statements are true about 'Orientalism' as defined by Edward Said?

a) Orientalism is a corporate institution which propagates western learning 
b) Orientalism is a style of thinking which alienates the Orient as the "other" 
c) Orientalism is an academic discipline which produced the discourse which naturalised the military and economic domination of the Orient 
d) All of the above

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0
Accepted Answers:
d) All of the above

Which two already existing areas of English literary studies were brought together under the category of Postcolonial Literary studies?

a) Commonwealth Literature and Colonial Discourse Analysis 
b) Modernism and Post Modernism 
c) Marxism and Cultural Materialism 
d) Structuralism and Deconstruction

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0
Accepted Answers:
a) Commonwealth Literature and Colonial Discourse Analysis

Which of the following author refused to let his novel be considered for the 2001 Commonwealth Writers prize?

a) Salman Rushdie 
b) Amitav Ghosh 
c) Jhumpa Lahiri 
d) Indra Sinha

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0
Accepted Answers:
b) Amitav Ghosh

Which important twentieth-century thinker brought a new insight into the deep-seated regulations which structure and limit the creation and circulation of discourses?

a) Karl Marx 
b) Claude Levi-Strauss 
c) Sigmund Freud 
d) Michel Foucault

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0
Accepted Answers:
d) Michel Foucault

8) What is "contrapuntal reading"?

- a) Contrapuntal reading is a reading strategy which attempts to read a text against the grain so as to identify and question the inherent prejudices that underlie the text
- b) An accurate depiction of the modern day Middle East and Asia, without scholars and academics relying solely on colonial texts
- c) Scholars now travelling to erstwhile colonies to establish an accurate picture of colonised peoples
- d) Instead of stereotypical portrayal of the colonised subjects as irrational, untamed barbarians, contrapuntal reading presents their point of view as educated, cultured beings

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0
Accepted Answers:
- a) Contrapuntal reading is a reading strategy which attempts to read a text against the grain so as to identify and question the inherent prejudices that underlie the text

9) The term "postcolonialism" is unlike the term "imagism" because:

- a) Postcolonialism refers to literature and imagism refers to painting
- b) Unlike postcolonialism, imagism was a term specifically coined to signify a particular kind of literature
- c) Unlike imagism, postcolonialism was a term that was originally coined to signify a special kind of literature
- d) Postcolonialism refers to history and imagism refers to painting

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0
Accepted Answers:
- b) Unlike postcolonialism, imagism was a term specifically coined to signify a particular kind of literature

10) Which of the following statements about Karl Marx's "The British Rule in India" is incorrect?

- a) Marx's views on India reflects his orientalist bias
- b) Marx believed that under British colonialism, Indians were fast losing their hereditary means of sustenance
- c) Marx believed that India can progress only if the British withdraw their colonial presence
- d) Marx believed that under the British rule, Indians were thrown into a sea of woes

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0
Accepted Answers:
- c) Marx believed that India can progress only if the British withdraw their colonial presence