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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 IS**

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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d) All of the above

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

d) All of the above

4) Which of the following statements are true about 'Orientalism' as defined by Edward Said? **1 point**

- 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

5) Which two already existing areas of English literary studies were brought together under the category of Postcolonial Literary studies? **1 point**

- 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

6) Which of the following author refused to let his novel be considered for the 2001 Commonwealth Writers prize? **1 point**

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

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

b) Amitav Ghosh

7) Which important twentieth-century thinker brought a new insight into the deep-seated regulations which structure and limit the creation and circulation of discourses? **1 point**

- 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”?

1 point

- 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 underline 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 underline the text*

9) The term “postcolonialism” is unlike the term “imagism” because:

1 point

- 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? 1 point

- a) Marx’s views on India reflect 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*

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