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Assignment 4

The due date for submitting this assignment has passed.

As per our records you have not submitted this assignment. **Due on 2019-02-27, 23:59 IS**

1) The modern understanding of 'diaspora' as dispersion of people rather than seeds can be traced back to which text? **1 point**

- a) Aristotle's *Poetics*
- b) *Old Testament of The Bible*
- c) *The Gospel of St. John*
- d) *Magna Carta*

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

b) Old Testament of The Bible

2) The notion of diaspora is integrally associated with: **1 point**

- a) a sense of exile and nostalgia for the lost homeland
- b) a fear of returning to one's homeland
- c) a desire to go abroad
- d) a desire to be a citizen of at least three nations

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

a) a sense of exile and nostalgia for the lost homeland

3) In Jhumpa Lahiri's short story "Mrs. Sen's", how does Mrs. Sen try to recreate her "home" in America? **1 point**

- a) By learning to drive on American roads to assert her individuality and independence
- b) By tutoring and babysitting Eliot, so that she could find some use of her education and skill sets

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Accepted Answers:

c) By rereading the letters she had received from her friends back in Calcutta, by listening to the familiar sounds of Indian classical music and the voices of her relatives in a cassette player, and by cooking Bengali food

4) According to Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, the word "subaltern" signifies:

1 point

- a) An anonymous entity
- b) A person who cannot utter any sound
- c) An individual who undermines the position of a social elite
- d) A position of disempowerment from within which discourse is impossible



No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

d) A position of disempowerment from within which discourse is impossible

5) According to Ranajit Guha, who are the "elites"?

1 point

- a) Upper-middle class who have money
- b) Aristocratic class who have landed property
- c) Middle class who have government jobs
- d) Any class which has political and economic agency

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

d) Any class which has political and economic agency

6) According to Antonio Gramsci, "hegemony" can be defined as:

1 point

- a) the desire of the ruling class to exert their political power over distant colonies through military intervention
- b) the desire of the ruling class to assert political power through the use of police force
- c) the non-coercive assertion of political authority by a particular class over other groups of people
- d) the colonial subjugation of non-European countries by European nation states

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

c) the non-coercive assertion of political authority by a particular class over other groups of people

7) In Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak's essay "Can the Subaltern Speak?" the position of subalternity is exemplified by:

1 point

- a) The Tribals of Pirtha
- b) The Hindu widow who immolates herself on the pyre of her dead husband
- c) The nationalists who died during the Great Bengal Famine of the 1940s
- d) Lord William Bentinck

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

b) The Hindu widow who immolates herself on the pyre of her dead husband

8) Which of these intellectuals is usually not considered as part of the "Holy Trinity" in the field **1 point** of postcolonial studies?

- a) Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak
- b) Edward Said
- c) Homi Bhabha
- d) Frantz Fanon

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

d) Frantz Fanon

9) Who announced the death of Postcolonial Studies? **1 point**

- a) Chinua Achebe
- b) Amitav Ghosh
- c) Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak
- d) Salman Rushdie

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

c) Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak

10) Who was once photographed throwing a stone at an Israeli guardhouse to protest against Israel's hostile occupation of Palestinian land? **1 point**

- a) Edward Said
- b) Mahasweta Devi
- c) Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak
- d) Frantz Fanon

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

a) Edward Said



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