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Assignment 3

The due date for submitting this assignment has passed.

As per our records you have not submitted this assignment. **Due on 2019-02-20, 23:59 IST.**

1) When Virginia Woolf wrote that in and around 1910, human nature changed, she was primarily referring to the following: **1 point**

- English translation of Freud's works, the exhibition of Impressionist paintings at the Royal Court Theater and works of Karl Marx
- English translation of Freud's works and the exhibition of Impressionist paintings at the Royal Court Theater
- English translation of the works of Freud, and ideas of Karl Marx
- None of the above

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

English translation of Freud's works and the exhibition of Impressionist paintings at the Royal Court Theater

2) The concept of Modernity in critical theory is: **1 point**

- Natural corollary of Christian thought
- Based on reason
- Involves active promotion of traditions, even though they may often be termed as superstitions
- Represents wariness about power and adventure

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

Based on reason

3) Frederich Nietzsche is considered to be a progenitor of Post-modernism, as he had: **1 point**

- Exposed the solidity of enlightenment claims

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Accepted Answers:
He suggested that truth was only the solidification of old metaphors

4) Which of the following statements is NOT correct about Martin Heidegger: **1 point**

- He believes that the crisis of humanity begins when we dislodge God from the center.
- Technology has not been able to replace mankind.
- Challenge of the modern world lies in the dominance of natural science.
- Technology ultimately squeezes out concern with real-life individuals.

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:
Technology has not been able to replace mankind.

5) Which of the following can NOT be considered as a key characteristic of Post-modernism: **1 point**

- Social/cultural influences on how a scientific fact is perceived are not viewed in a favorable light.
- Policy decisions are being often dictated by the local preferences.
- Diversification means that no single person can know any discipline completely.
- Emphasis now is on interpretation and performativity, not on the production of knowledge.

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:
Social/cultural influences on how a scientific fact is perceived are not viewed in a favorable light.

6) Three major directions taken by Postmodernism, are dictated by the philosophical lead provided by: **1 point**

- Baudrillard, Jameson, Habermas
- Lyotard, Baudrillard, Jameson
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No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:
Lyotard, Baudrillard, Jameson

7) In "The Postmodern Condition: A Report on Knowledge" (1979), Lyotard suggests that Knowledge ceases to be an end in itself, and loses its "use-value.", because: **1 point**

- The old principle that the acquisition of knowledge is indissociable from the training (Bildung) of minds, or even of individuals, is still not obsolete
- Knowledge cannot be produced in order to be sold, the goal is not the exchange.
- We do not seek power, but truth.
- Performativity is important as it enables us to have better capacity of producing the proof, and increases chances of having power.

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:
Performativity is important as it enables us to have better capacity of producing the proof, and increases chances of having power.

8) The theme that underlies all Foucault's work is the relationship between power and **1 point**

knowledge, and how the former is used to control and define the latter. In the context of this statement, which of the following statements is NOT correct:

- What authorities claim as 'scientific knowledge' are really just means of social control.
- In the eighteenth century 'madness' was used to stigmatize not just the mentally ill but also anyone whose expressions of individuality were unwelcome.
- Foucault believed that knowledge cannot be gained from power.
- There is no power relation without the correlative constitution of a field of knowledge.

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

Foucault believed that knowledge cannot be gained from power.

9) Literary structuralism flourished as an attempt to apply to literature the methods and insights of the founder of modern structural linguistics, Ferdinand de Saussure. Along with other languages, Saussure had studied and was influenced, especially by: **1 point**

- Latin
- Greek
- Sanskrit
- Polish

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

Sanskrit

10) According to Derrida, language is only a chain of signifiers. It suggests that: **1 point**

- It consists of the union of signifiers and signified.
- Our mental life consists not of concepts, but of a fleeting, continually changing play of signifiers.
- The meaning language seems to have is not the result of the differences by which we can distinguish one signifier from another.
- None of the above

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

Our mental life consists not of concepts, but of a fleeting, continually changing play of signifiers.

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