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## EXAMINATION

**Course code:** SFE10314

**Course name:** English: Culture Studies II

**Date and duration:** 9 May 2019, 4 hours

**Permitted aids:** English-English dictionary (**no** encyclopedic dictionaries)

**Lecturer:** Dr. Johanna Wagner

**The examination:**

The examination consists of two main sections, I and II.

Section I consists of 4 parts:

- Matching (10 pts)
- Fill in the blanks (18 pts)
- True/false (10 pts)
- Multiple choice (12 pts)

Section II consists of seven short answer questions (22 pts in all). Answer **all** seven questions.

**Date of announcement of the examination results:** 31 May 2019

The examination results will be made available in Studentweb

## 1 Section I: Matching (10 pts)

Match the left terms with the *most closely correlated* term/definition/title on the right. There is only **one correct answer** for each.

1. The Great Depression  (Manifest Destiny, Reason, MAUS, Foreign policy; non-interference in the Americas, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the New Deal, Puritans, Popular Vote, "Slouching Towards Bethlehem", Wovoka, "The Yellow Wallpaper")
2. Monroe Doctrine  ("Slouching Towards Bethlehem", Foreign policy; non-interference in the Americas, Reason, "The Yellow Wallpaper", MAUS, Wovoka, Popular Vote, Manifest Destiny, Puritans, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the New Deal)
3. Spectral Evidence  (Foreign policy; non-interference in the Americas, "The Yellow Wallpaper", Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the New Deal, Puritans, MAUS, "Slouching Towards Bethlehem", Wovoka, Reason, Manifest Destiny, Popular Vote)
4. Ghost Dance  (Wovoka, Popular Vote, Puritans, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the New Deal, MAUS, Manifest Destiny, "Slouching Towards Bethlehem", Foreign policy; non-interference in the Americas, "The Yellow Wallpaper", Reason)
5. Creative Nonfiction  (Reason, Popular Vote, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the New Deal, Wovoka, "The Yellow Wallpaper", Foreign policy; non-interference in the Americas, MAUS, "Slouching Towards Bethlehem", Puritans, Manifest Destiny)
6. Unreliable narrator  (Manifest Destiny, Puritans, Popular Vote, "Slouching Towards Bethlehem", "The Yellow Wallpaper", Foreign policy; non-interference in the Americas, MAUS, Reason, Wovoka, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the New Deal)
7. The Frontier  (Popular Vote, Manifest Destiny, MAUS, Wovoka, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the New Deal, "The Yellow Wallpaper", "Slouching Towards Bethlehem", Reason, Foreign policy; non-interference in the Americas, Puritans)
8. The Holocaust  (Reason, Manifest Destiny, Popular Vote, Puritans, MAUS, Foreign policy; non-interference in the Americas, "The Yellow Wallpaper", "Slouching Towards Bethlehem", Wovoka, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the New Deal)
9. The Enlightenment  (Popular Vote, MAUS, Foreign policy; non-interference in the Americas, "Slouching Towards Bethlehem", Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the New Deal, "The Yellow Wallpaper", Reason, Wovoka, Manifest Destiny, Puritans)
10. Electoral College  (Foreign policy; non-interference in the Americas, Puritans, Popular Vote, Wovoka, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the New Deal, "Slouching Towards Bethlehem", "The Yellow Wallpaper", Manifest Destiny, Reason, MAUS)

Maximum marks: 10

## 2 Section I: Fill in the Blank (18 pts)

Each question covers material you've read throughout the semester. Identify the **author's last name** and the **full title of the text**. Use *correct spelling* and do *not* use quotation marks or any other symbols in your answers.

1.  
When I was seventeen I walked into the jungle, and when I was twenty-one I walked out. And by God I was rich. (2 pts)

Author's last name

Title

2.

But they pulled me out of the sack,  
And they stuck me together with glue.  
And then I knew what to do.  
I made a model of you,  
A man in black with a Meinkampf look (2 pts)

Author's last name

Title

3.

"Not Dee, Wangero Leewanika Kemanjo."  
"What happened to Dee?" I wanted to know.  
"She's dead," Wangero said. "I couldn't bear it any longer, being named after the people who oppress me."  
"You know as well as me you was named after your aunt Dicie." (2 pts)

Author's last name

Title

4.

"We're going to have to control your tongue," the dentist says, pulling out all the metal from my mouth. (2 pts)

Author's last name

Title

5.

In **alphabetical order**, name the three branches of government (*make sure you spell correctly*). (3 pts)

The  Branch

The  Branch

The  Branch

6.

Give the **last name** of three presidents who presided over the majority of the following decades (*make sure you spell correctly*) (3 pts)

1980s

1990s

2000s

7.

This literary term occurs "when a character states or hears something that means more to the audience than it does to the character. Often what the character states or hears is in direct opposition to the truth." (See example text below; *make sure you spell correctly*). (2 pts)

"John is away all day, and even some nights when his cases are serious. I am glad my case is not serious!"

Name the literary term (spell correctly):

8.

Which American poet do Langston Hughes and Allen Ginsberg refer back to in their own poetry? (See excerpts below; *make sure you spell correctly*). (2 pts)

"What thoughts I have of you tonight..." ("A Supermarket in California," Ginsberg)

"I, too, sing America" ("I, too," Hughes)

Name the American poet:

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Maximum marks: 18

3 **Section I: True /False (10 pts)**

Select the correct alternative (true or false). Each correct answer is awarded 1 pt.

1. The 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment set **all** slaves free.

**Select an alternative:**

- True
- False

2. Faith in "Young Goodman Brown" is an allegorical figure.

**Select an alternative**

- True
- False

3. The popular vote directly elects American presidents.

**Select an alternative**

- True
- False

4. The 1950s was a decade of countercultural revolution in the U.S.

**Select an alternative**

- True
- False

5. The Bible salesman in "Good Country People" is an example of a virtuous person.

**Select an alternative**

- True
- False

6. "I can see Russia from my house," was a line used to mock Sarah Palin in the 2008 election.

**Select an alternative**

- True
- False

7. The 2016 U.S. voter was particularly content.

**Select an alternative**

- True
- False

8. The setting of "Entropy" is two restaurants.

**Select an alternative**

- True
- False

9. In "Sweat," it is ironic that the snake bites Sykes.

**Select an alternative**

- True
- False

10. The 4<sup>th</sup> wave of immigration (1965-present), intended for southern and eastern Europa, brought a major increase of movement from Asia instead.

**Select an alternative**

- True
- False

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Maximum marks: 10

#### 4 **Section I: Multiple Choice (12 pts)**

Choose the word(s) that best complete(s) the phrase relevant to this course or simply answers the question *most* correctly.

1. One drop \_\_\_\_\_ (1 pt)

**Select one alternative**

- of love
- of blood
- in the bucket
- rhythm
- rule

2. A city upon a \_\_\_\_\_ (1 pt)

**Select one alternative**

- heap
- hill
- peak
- mountain
- cliff

3. During the Salem Witch Trials and the McCarthy hearings, what might an accused person do to be released? (1 pt)

**Select one alternative**

- Denying their participation through an oath
- Showing their church attendance and various letters of reference by high ranking friends
- Answering a series of questions and swearing an oath on their dead ancestors
- Showing humbleness in front of the community and doing community service
- Confessing their guilt and naming others involved

4. What major tragic event did the Ghost Dance lead to? (1 pt)

**Select one alternative**

- The Jamestown Massacre
- The Indian Wars
- Battle of Little Bighorn
- Wounded Knee Massacre
- Mud Lake Massacre

5. Why is "Recitative" such a tricky story? (1 pt)

**Select one alternative**

- Because Morrison jumps around through the 20<sup>th</sup> century
- Because Morrison uses unclear racial stereotypes
- Because Morrison crafts a very unlikeable protagonist
- Because Morrison's diction is very difficult
- Because Morrison's narrator is omniscient

6. In its beginnings, the founders of the U.S. had two major conflicts regarding where power should lie in the new nation. One believed the U.S. should have a strong, national government with power localized centrally, and the other believed it should have a weaker national government with decentralized power localized in the states. Select the group who believed in strong, centralized national government. (1 pt)

**Select one alternative**

- The Libertarians
- The Federalists
- The Constitutional Party
- The Whigs
- The Democratic Republicans

7. What are **two** reasons the US entered World War I? (1 pt)

**Select two alternatives**

- The sinking of the Lusitania
- The assassination of Franz Ferdinand
- Germany's declaration of war on Russia
- Germany's invasion of neutral Belgium
- The Zimmermann Telegram

8. As opposed to Transcendentalists and Naturalists, Realists saw the individual as: (1 pt)

**Select one alternative**

- A superpowerful ego
- A helpless being/object in the natural world
- A divine being
- Simply a person
- A humiliated being suffering from mental weakness

9. Soft and hard power are the ways in which a nation attempts to influence other nations toward its own goals, Which **two** means below might be used in hard power?

**Select two alternatives**

- Economic influence
- Music industry
- Leading through example
- Military might
- Appealing values

10. Fictional characters are of many types. Choose the **two** types that describe the character of Biff in "Death of a Salesman." (1 pt)

**Select two alternatives**

- Round
- Neutral
- Dynamic
- Static
- Flat

11. What way of thinking influenced Transcendentalism? (1 pt)

**Select one alternative**

- Realism
- Romanticism
- Naturalism
- Modernism
- Postmodernism

12. The policy of the U.S. opposing European colonialism in the Americas. The U.S. would not interfere with the European colonies, but European countries must leave Americas alone:

**Select one alternative**

- The Militia Act
- Monroe Doctrine
- Manifest Destiny
- The Dawes Act
- The Land Ordinance Act of 1784

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Maximum marks: 12

5 **Section II: Short Answer Questions (22 pts)**





Answer the questions briefly, but fully. These are *not* essay questions; therefore note each question's language regarding length. Most questions require only a few sentences. The longer questions should take no more than a paragraph to answer. Do make sure you use correct spelling and punctuation.

1.  
Tragedy in drama has very specific criteria. Three of the criteria are that the protagonist is an elevated character (royal or noble), the protagonist has a tragic flaw, and the play will end in death. Willy Loman in "Death of a Salesman" does not fit into the traditional idea of tragedy mainly because of the first criterion mentioned above. In a few sentences, **explain** Loman's social class, his tragic flaw, and why he dies (not the way he dies, but *why* he does it.) What American concept betrays him? (4 pts)
2.  
In a few sentences, describe at least three key differences between Realism, Modernism, and Postmodernism. (3 pts)
3.  
Reconstruction was a period between 1865-1877 in the U.S. In a few sentences, **name** the geographic area where it happened, **explain** briefly what made this period necessary, and then **name** and **explain** briefly what laws came about because of its end. (4 pts)
4.  
The picture above is an allegorical image regarding an important American concept from the 19th century. **Name** and **define** the concept, and the **briefly** analyze three elements of the image explaining how the image symbolizes the concept. (4 pts)
5.  
In a few sentences explain why the Trail of Tears happened. Who was President during this atrocity? What was the name of the official Act? What was the government trying to do? (3 pts)
6.  
In the short story by Thomas Pynchon (see excerpt below), Meatball Mulligan attempts to restore order to his apartment, while Abaude, upstairs, smashes out the window of her apartment, waiting for the "moment of equilibrium" to be reached, when "37 degrees Fahrenheit should prevail both inside and outside, and forever..." Explain what scientific concept both people are up against. (2 pts)











**Excerpt from Thomas Pynchon**

"...he gave wine to the sailors and separated the *morra* players; he introduced the fat government girl to Sandor Rojas, who would keep her out of trouble; he helped the girl in the shower to dry off and get into bed; he had another talk with Saul; he called a repairman for the refrigerator, which someone had discovered was on the blink. This is what he did until nightfall...."

7.  
The Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 was an executive order by Abraham Lincoln to free some of the

slaves in the U.S. Briefly explain which slaves Lincoln freed (geographically) and why. (2 pts)

Fill in your answers here

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Maximum marks: 22