

S2 EXAM IN READING TEXTS _ Answers Key

Questions: (Circle the letter corresponding to you answer)

1. According to Passage 1, *potlatch* is best defined as a (02 pts)

a. ceremony with rigid protocol to which all Pacific Northwest tribes adhere.

B. GENERIC TERM FOR A GIFT-GIVING CEREMONY CELEBRATED IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

c. socialist ritual of the Pacific Northwest.

d. lavish feast celebrated in the Pacific Northwest.

e. wasteful ritual that was banned in the 1880s.

2. According to Passage 1, the gift-giving central to the potlatch can best be characterized as (02 pts)

A. RECIPROCAL.

c. selfless.

e. commercialized.

b. wasteful.

d. spendthrift.

3. In Passage 1, the author's attitude toward the potlatch can best be described as (02 pts)

a. condescending.

c. wistful.

e. romantic.

b. antagonistic.

D. RESPECTFUL.

4. According to Passage 2, the men in a kula ring are (02 pts)

a. linked by mutual admiration.

d. motivated by vanity.

b. hostile aggressors.

E. KNOWN TO ONE ANOTHER BY REPUTATION.

c. greedy.

5. In Passage 2, the word *victims* is in quotation marks because the (02 pts)

a. word might be unfamiliar to some readers.

b. author is implying that the hosts are self-pitying.

C. AUTHOR IS REINFORCING THE IDEA THAT THE HOSTS ARE PLAYING A PRESCRIBED ROLE.

d. author wants to stress the brutal nature of the exchange.

e. author is taking care not to be condescending to the Trobriand culture.

6. According to Passage 2, necklaces and armbands gain value through all the following means EXCEPT being (2,5 pts)

a. in circulation for a long time.

b. especially attractive.

c. owned by a powerful man.

D. MADE OF SPECIAL SHELLS.

e. known by a special name.

7. Gift-giving in the potlatch ceremony and the ritual exchange of the kula ring are both (2,5 pts)

A. A RITUALIZED MEANS OF MAINTAINING COMMUNITY TIES.

b. dangerous and expensive endeavors.

c. a means of ascending to a position of leadership.

d. falling prey to Western culture.

e. peculiar rituals of a bygone era.

8. Based on information presented in the two passages, both authors would be most likely to agree with which statement? (2,5 pts)

a. Traditional societies are more generous than Western societies.

B. THE VALUE OF SOME ENDEAVORS CANNOT BE MEASURED IN MONETARY TERMS.

c. It is better to give than to receive.

d. Westerners are only interested in money.

e. Traditional societies could benefit from better business sense.

9. Which of the following titles would be most appropriate for both Passage 1 or Passage 2? (2,5 pts)

a. A Gift-giving Ceremony

b. Ritual Exchange in Traditional Societies

C. CEREMONIAL GIVING AND RECEIVING IN A TRADITIONAL SOCIETY

d. The Kindness of Strangers

e. Giving and Receiving in a Faraway Land