

American University of Beirut

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English 203 Sections 9, 17, 38

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Time: 1 hour

Unit Test I

Respond to 3 of the following sets of questions in at least one paragraph for each answer. Make sure you refer to the document(s) that have been assigned to you in class to support your answers.

Write your answers in the separate booklet. Use APA style for documentation.

- 1) More than two hundred years ago, Oliver Goldsmith experienced a situation that is still encountered by many in these days. Summarize Goldsmith's (1762) experience and relate his reaction to that of Ortiz Cofer's (1993). (30 points)
- 2) Goldsmith (1762) expressed his admiration for the philosopher who said he was "a citizen of the world". He seemed to believe that only few people thought themselves "general inhabitants of the globe, or members of that grand society which comprehends the whole human kind."
 - a) Explain what Goldsmith means by the quoted parts. (10 points)
 - b) Who of the authors you have read for agrees with Goldsmith's opinion? Justify your answer. (10 points)
 - c) Comment on the conclusion Goldsmith reached in his essay expressing your agreement or disagreement with what he says. (10 points)
- 3) Reed (1990) claims that "the United States is unique in the world: [and] [t]he world is here."
 - a) How does Reed justify his opinion? (20 points)
 - b) To what extent do you think Natadecha-Sponsel (1993) would agree / disagree with Reed? Justify your answer. (20 points)
- 4) How do the opinions of Reed (1990) and Hilal (2001) concerning America being a multinational society compare or contrast with each other? Justify your answer. (30 points)

BONUS QUESTION (10 points)

Is a national identity crucial to a nation's survival? Use the opinions of representative authors to address the question. Do not write more than 2-3 paragraphs.