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1 hour 45 minutes

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You are allowed to use an English–English dictionary

The questions must be answered in English.

The answers must be written on copy sheets.

Write an essay in response to one of the following questions. Discuss what you believe to be the most important facets of the issue, giving specific supporting evidence whenever possible. Feel free to cite whichever course text(s) can support your argument. ANSWER ONE ONLY.

1. What were the political, demographic and environmental causes of the European colonization of the Americas (North and South)? In what ways did the “Columbian Exchange” shape the ecology of North America and how did these environmental conditions affect the colonists’ perception of nature and the environment?

OR

2. How did the patterns of exploration, settlement and land use during the continual and gradual peopling of the North American continent after independence (known to the Americans as “the frontier”) shape American society and perceptions of the land, landscape and nature? Was appreciation of the natural world shaped by the frontier experience? If so, how and if not, why not?

OR

3. Modernization of transportation and communication, as well as the onset of urbanization changed the relation of people in industrial societies to food, both its production and consumption. How did this happen in the United States? What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of turning food into a “raw material” and then a finished manufactured good (“processed food”), whose production can be rationalized and scientifically managed? Why is this an important aspect of our relation to nature and an issue for sustaining the environment?

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