

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. Multiple choice**

1. Which of the following best describes Hedges' method of "Critical hermeneutical phenomenology"? (Choose two)
  - a. Adopting a feminist and/or postcolonial perspective in studying religion
  - b. S all discourses on religion as interpretations that have no truth in them
  - c. Tracing the original meaning of religious texts through historical study
  - d. Defining "religion" in its Latin roots of "religio," i.e., to bind or to restraint. Religion is something that regulates human activities.
  - e. Understanding that our own perspectives are shaped by how we experience and make sense of the world
2. Match the theorist below to what best describes their view on "religion"  
Russell McCutcheon   Talal Asad   Clifford Geertz   Luce Irigaray
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ The field of "Religious Studies" is a historically constructed phenomenon and its own history deserves our critical study.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ "Religion" has to do with cultural systems and symbols that motivates and moves human in pervasive, powerful, and seemingly realistic ways.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ "Religion" is always historically and contextually specific.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ The traditionally masculine representation of gods leaves little room for women to imagine their own divinity.

**II. Identification (20%)**

*Read the passages below and choose which of the key terms given below is discussed here. Identify the term and write a short, one-sentence explanation. Your answer should be succinct and on point, aim to spend no more than 5 minutes on each identification question.*

displacement	allocentric	religion as watch and compass	inhabiting
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1. The dress customs of the Eastern Dakota in the mid-nineteenth century alternately accomodated and resisted the Euro-American Protestant missionaries' effort to convert. These customs signal their their affiliation with the American nation by abandoning their blankets, beads, and braids and acceptinfg the civilizing power of fitted bodices, cotton undergarments, and lace collars.

**Identification:**

**Explanation:**

**III. Short Essay Responses**

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