

**SECOND SEMESTER EXAM MODAL ANSWER (2020/2021)**

**Level:** 1<sup>st</sup> year

**Module:** Language Culture

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**Duration:** 1h

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**1. Comment /explain or define the following terms: 2pts**

**AZTEC:** one of the oldest civilizations in history built by the Amerindians in what is today Mexico

**INCA:** the strongest Amerindian civilization built in what is today PERU destroyed by the Conquistadores

**SANTA FE:** one of the oldest permanent settlements built by Spanish Conquistadores in New Mexico.

**NEWFOUNDLAND:** the land where Leif Ericson landed in 1000 AD, situated in the east of the nowadays Canada. He called it Vinland the good.

**NEW ENGLAND:** the first group of British Colonies in America situated in the north east of what is today the USA and it comprised four colonies.

**VESPUCCI:** the Italian sailor who corrected the mistaken idea of Columbus, when he thought that America was part of Asia and not a new continent.

**SAN SALVADOR:** the sandy island where Columbus and his men landed during their journey looking for the shorter route between Asia and Europe.

**AMERINDIANS:** the first people who reached the world, considered later as the native people of America.

**2. Answer the following questions :**

✓ When and how the distant ancestors of the Amerindians came to America? 1 pt

Historians said that the ancestors of the Amerindians reached America during the earth's last ice age, when a bridge of ice joined Asia to America in what is today the Bering Strait. While they following herds of animals, they crossed the bridge from Siberia to Alaska.

✓ Why did European geographers give the name America to the lands that Columbus discovered? 2pts  
because to the end of his life Columbus believed that his discoveries were parts of Asia. The man who did the most to correct this mistaken idea was Amerigo Vespucci, this is why it took the feminine form of his first name.

✓ what the thirteen stripes on the flag represent for the Americans? Name the New England ones. 2pts  
the thirteen stripes on the American flag represent the very first thirteen colonies who started fighting and claiming independence from the British crown, the first group of New England comprised four colonies; New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode-Island and Connecticut.

✓ Name two (02) European explorers among the ones reached America before Columbus? 1 pt

Leif Ericson the Icelandic sailor the son of Eric the Red.

Brendon the Bold; the Irish Monk.

- ✓ What was the reason that led the Amerindians to stop wandering and follow a more settled way of life? 2pts

They used to live as wanderers and gatherers of food, when they reached the highlands of the today's Mexico, they found a wild grass which was good to eat, so they started cultivating the wild grass with great care till it became the Indian Corn or Maize, they converted from wanderers to farmers.

- ✓ What do you know about the legend of the Welsh Prince MADOC ? 2pts  
one of the old legends talking about the discovery of America long before Columbus, by a Welsh prince called Madoc, real or myth, historians said that it was just a lie told by the queen Elizabeth 1, trying to convince the Spanish and the French that they have the right to claim lands in the new World.

- ✓ Who started the lasting occupation of America ? For what reason ? 2pts  
They are the Spanish who started it, for many reasons, such as; looking for the treasures and precious metals gathered by the Amerindians, and exploring more lands for Spain.

- ✓ Who are the Conquistadores ? 2pts  
They are Spanish sailors and warriors, who sailed to Central and South America in the 15 and 16 centuries, their conquests led to the destruction of two among the oldest civilizations in history.

- ✓ What are the firm evidences found in the now days USA that support the Viking settlement There ? 2pts

Archeologists uncovered traces and evidences that supported the Viking existence in North America, these evidences were iron nails, weights, whorl of a spindle and foundations of huts built in the Viking style.

- ✓ The Viking were a sea-going people, who used to tell stories about their sailors and warriors called "sagas", what do you know about the saga of "Leif Ericson"? 2pts

Leif Ericson was the son of Eric the Red (the first king of the Viking who built a kingdom for them in Greenland), Leif sailed toward the Atlantic Ocean in his mission of spreading Christianity outside Europe, till he landed on a rocky beach where he found vines with grapes growing on them, he called the land Vinland the good, they built a settlement there in 1000 AD, but it disappeared and been forgotten because it didn't last due to hostility of local Amerindians.