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PART ONE

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Sections I & II are worth 1 point each, and Section III is worth 2 points each for a total of 40 points.

I. *The Epic of Gilgamesh*

1. What was one of Gilgamesh's greatest achievements in Uruk?
 - a. Constructed a University
 - b. Built a library
 - c. Built a massive wall
 - d. Drove off all invaders

2. What animal is Gilgamesh's mother?
 - a. A cow
 - b. a fish
 - c. a tiger
 - d. a swan

3. Why does Aruru create Enkidu?
 - a. He will be the future successor to Uruk's throne
 - b. He will be Gilgamesh's equal
 - c. He will save Uruk from invading tribes
 - d. He will bring literacy to Uruk

4. What does Enkidu initially do to Gilgamesh the first time they meet?
 - a. Lauds Gilgamesh for his great achievements
 - b. Refuses to let Gilgamesh enter the wedding
 - c. Denounces Gilgamesh's behavior in public
 - d. Embraces Gilgamesh as his long-lost brother

5. Humbaba lives in the area under the rule of which god?
 - a. Shamash
 - b. Ishtar
 - c. Enil

6. How do the gods communicate with Gilgamesh on his journey to the cedar forest?
 - a. Appearing in his dreams
 - b. Pretending to be Animals

c. Descending from the sky

7. What does Ishtar offer to Gilgamesh, which he refuses?

- a. A supernatural sword
- b. Marriage with Ishtar
- c. Everlasting world peace for Uruk
- d. To return Enkidu to the steppe

8. How does Enkidu die?

- a. Following an unnamed disease
- b. In battle with the gods
- c. By beheading
- d. By execution

9. After the death of Enkidu, what does Gilgamesh become?

- a. A celestial being
- b. A wandering hunter
- c. A humble hunter

10. After his travels, what does Gilgamesh order Ur-Shanabi to do when the pair returns to Uruk?

- a. Erect a glorious tomb for Enkidu
- b. Create a poem of his journey
- c. Examine the walls of Uruk
- d. Compose a magical song for Ishtar

II. *The Iliad*

1. What war prize ignites the conflict between Achilles and Agamemnon?

- a. Lachesis, one of the Fates
- b. Cryseis, a beautiful girl
- c. A bow blessed by Apollo
- d. The golden armor of Priam

2. After being insulted by Agamemnon's request of a replacement war prize, what does Achilles threaten to do?

___ Achilles threatens to return home with the Myrmidons

3. Why is Zeus reluctant to assent to Thetis's pleas on behalf of her son, Achilles?
- a. He doesn't believe Achilles needs help
 - b. He cannot change humans' fates
 - c. He doesn't interfere in mortal affairs
 - d. He is afraid to anger his wife Hera

4. What news rallies Achilles' return to the war?

_____The news that rallies Achilles' return to the war is the death of his friend, Patroclus that was killed by Hector

5. On what did both Trojan and Greek warrior culture placed great importance?

- a. Preservation of corpses
- b. Prayer before combat
- c. Food and dining
- d. Fair and ethical fighting

6. Who attempts to dissuade Hector from facing Achilles in battle?

____Priam and Hecuba try to stop Hector from facing Achilles outside the city walls

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7. Why does Hector decide to face Achilles in battle?

- a. He is the only person who can save the Trojans
- b. He knows what Achilles's fatal weakness is?
- c. He wants to win glory for his family
- d. He is ashamed for ignoring Poulydamas's advice

8. How does Achilles kill Hector?

_____After killing any Trojan in his path, Achilles finally got to Hector and stabbed him in the throat which killed him

9. What does Achilles do in order to celebrate his victory over Hector?

- a. Returns to camp to pray
- b. Drags Hector's body behind his chariot
- c. Burns down the city of Troy
- d. Places Hector's head upon a spike

10. What event concludes the epic?

III. The Hebrew Bible & The Odyssey

1. In both creation stories in Genesis, God instills an **order** within all creation, but humanity has the singular exception of being able to choose whether....

2. The Question of Theodicy is said to be "the central concern" of the book of Job. What does this mean?

_____ This means that the message of the book of Job is about the defense of God's goodness and also the view of evil. Why would God allow of any type of evil to exist?

3. According to the class text, in the book of Psalms, while all are said to be prayers addressed to God, the Psalms also serves as educative texts that inform the reader about _____ Christian Faith

4. Why is Odysseus the only living Greek soldier who still has not returned from home after the Trojan War at the start of the epic?

__Odysseus was the only living Greek soldier who hadn't returned home because Calypso held him captive on an island. The lord of the seas was also punishing Odysseus so he tormented him and deprived him which made Odysseus not able to come home. This lasted 10 years.

5. Why is Zeus reluctant to assist Odysseus during his journey home to Ithaca?

____Zeus is reluctant to assist Odysseus during his journey home to Ithaca because of him angering Poseidon

6. What does Telemachus believe has happened to his father, Odysseus, at the beginning of the poem?

____Telemachus believes his father died during the war

7. What problem besets Penelope during her husband's absence after the conclusion of the Trojan War?

____The problem that Penelope has during her husband's absence after the Trojan War is that she many suitors lining up to marry her

8. How does Odysseus escape from Polyphemus, the Cyclops?

_____ Odysseus escapes from Polyphemus, the Cyclops by hanging onto the bellies of his sheep while they get let out to graze

9. After his return to Ithaca, where does Odysseus first encounter his son, Telemachus?

_____ Odysseus first encounters his son Telemachus in the house where Telemachus comes home after sailing to Pylos

10. Who recognizes Odysseus when he first appears in disguise at his own home?

_____ The first person who recognizes Odysseus is an old nurse, Eurycleia because of a scar on his leg

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