Week 8 Quiz

1. Which of the following is a common complaint made by critics of modern development, regardless of their ideological position? Choose the BEST answer.

* Developing countries need more intervention from developed countries.
* The United Nations has consistently screwed up good development programs.
* Poor countries’ attempts to better themselves aren’t necessarily bad, but the form modern development has taken is.
* The developing world is perfect as is, and should stay that way forever.

1. Which of the following beliefs does Illich credit for motivating American volunteers to go to Mexico and help? Choose the BEST answer.

* the idea that the American way of life is indisputably best and, as a result, should be shared with the rest of the world
* the idea that charity is required by Christianity and must be carried out by all believers
* the idea that people in every part of the American continent—North, Central, and South America—should unite to build a better world
* the idea that poor places in the world must become modern

1. According to Illich, which of the following has been a result of the United States’ attempt to export “democracy”?

* China has been effectively stopped from “taking over” parts of Asia.
* Poverty has been reduced for many people in the developing world.
* More Americans have married people from developing countries.
* The power of business-friendly elites in Latin America has grown.

1. Which of the following statements BEST expresses Illich’s argument?

* Good intentions are nice, but are only worth something if they bring positive results.
* Development as its practiced in Latin America focuses too much on economic problems and not enough on social problems.
* Well-meaning or not, people in the United States can do nothing to help poor countries except leave them alone.
* American volunteers in developing countries need to work much harder to serve the people they are helping.

1. What was Senator (and future President) John F. Kennedy’s challenge to university students?

* to study hard and learn foreign languages
* to put their talents to use in areas of the world that could utilize them
* to help grow the American economy overseas
* to take a stand against discrimination

1. How do the Peace Corps volunteers featured in this report describe their experience?

* as an opportunity to play and party abroad
* as an opportunity to improve and learn about the world
* as an opportunity to further American interests
* as an opportunity to do charity

1. Which of the following reasons does Moyo give for her opposition to giving aid to Africa and developing countries?

* Wealthy countries and people often use aid as a political weapon, giving them even more power over developing countries.
* Aid is just the newest form of colonialism.
* Aid is a relic of the Cold War, and because the USSR is no longer around, aid is no longer needed.
* Research indicates that no country has become developed on the back of aid.

1. What distinction does Moyo draw between the Marshall Plan and typical development programs?

* The Marshall Plan was administered during the 1940s and 1950s, and things have changed a lot since then.
* The Marshall Plan focused on food issues, but most development programs now focus on economic issues.
* The Marshall Plan was implemented in Europe, whereas most aid programs are implemented in Asia and Africa.
* The Marshall Plan was a reconstruction program, not a development program.

1. Which of the following observations about development was expressed by the speaker?

* Donors would much rather fund tangible items, such as wells and animals, than boring administrative work.
* Development that is spur-of-the-moment and without long-term goals makes the best policy.
* The people most qualified to assess the needs of a community are NGO administrators sitting in their headquarters.
* It’s not really important to recognize when a development project has failed.

1. According to the speaker, what do a lot of donors and projects lose focus of?

* funding issues
* the software side of an issue
* the hardware side of an issue
* compliance with local regulations

1. What is the approach of this advertisement? Choose the BEST answer.

* to show off the charity’s celebrity connections
* to shame viewers into giving
* to educate viewers about Ethiopia’s concrete plan for long-term well maintenance
* to appeal to viewers’ emotions

1. According to the UN report cited in this article, what is likely to happen if strong measures aren’t immediately taken to combat climate change?

* A new World War is likely to erupt.
* The earth will suffer enormous ecological and economic harm.
* Areas around the equator will become cooler and more livable.
* Government representatives from countries affected by climate change will resign in protest.

1. In addition to utilizing new technologies and energy sources, how have wealthy nations been able to lower their emissions in recent years?

* by recycling more of their emissions
* by outsourcing their emissions to developing countries
* by reporting false emissions data
* by lobbying agencies that regulate emissions to raise the level of acceptable emissions

1. According to the author, what are the consequences of opposing development on environmental grounds?

* The World Bank will fail.
* Poor people in developing countries will remain poor.
* Rich countries will lose political allies.
* Global warming will increase.

1. According to the author, what should the developed world do to help combat climate change?

* It should pay poor countries for restricting their development.
* It should develop new environmentally friendly technologies.
* It should return to a more traditional lifestyle.
* It should do absolutely nothing and should be left alone.