

## Scored Discussion B - *Brave New World*

Directions: Be able to answer the following questions during discussion and create one discussion question of your own. You will be able to earn a max of 5 points during discussion. Once you've reached the max, you will be cut off so everyone else will have a chance to get his or her points. While you are in the outer-circle, take notes on the discussion you are observing.

### Ways to earn points during a scored discussion

- 1. Make a substantive comment.** Your comment is on-topic and contributes something unique to the conversation – you shouldn't merely restate what someone else has said (although you should paraphrase what someone said as part of active listening – as a prelude to making new comments of your own). **1 point**
  - 2. Making a substantive comment that includes a clear textual reference.** Your comment is on-topic and contributes something unique to the conversation and makes a direct reference to words or phrases in the reading – either the sidebar reading or the textbook chapter as a whole. **2 points**
  - 3. Ask a clarifying question.** You ask the class as a whole to clarify one or more elements of the question (e.g. What do they mean by interdependent here in paragraph two?) or you ask a specific discussant to clarify what they said. You could, for instance, ask another discussant to give an example of what they mean, re-state it in different words, how it applies to something new, etc. **1 point**
  - 4. Signposting.** You identify when the conversation has shifted to a new topic or sub-topic, e.g. "It seems we have shifted to talking about the role of facial hair. This relates to our topic of Romanticism because men adopted more "natural" and dramatic styles during the Romantic Movement." **1 point**
- Hints:** Don't be afraid to take a strong position and defend it. Don't be afraid to disagree with someone else.- no one takes it personally. Don't repeat the same information as someone else. Add something new to the conversation. Remember just speaking does not earn you points. You must be making substantive comments that add something new to the conversation.

1. Discuss how Huxley uses actual historical names as character names in the novel. In what ways do the characters reflect their historical names?

2. Compare and contrast Bernard Marx with his friend Helmholtz Watson. Who is the stronger character and why?

3. What aspects of modern life can you infer that Huxley dislikes? What do you think his ideal society would look like?

4. In the novel, how have science and technology made the world better? Worse?

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