

LIB318 Exam Study Guide

The exam will contain three of the following five essay questions, chosen at random. Each answer should be completed in a concise but well-written essay, about 200-300 words long. You do not need to add exact quotes or cite specific page numbers, but you do need to be as detailed as you can, citing specific authors and explaining specific ideas from the readings and videos in your own words. The exam is open-book, but time is very limited, so you will not be able to look up all the answers. You will have two hours to complete the exam once you begin. You should study prior to starting the exam and take notes about the main ideas.

1. Utilizing the concept of “structural violence,” explain the difference between “negative peace” and “positive peace.” Then, explain the role of poverty in both direct violence and structural violence. In your answer, refer to at least four different authors from the course’s assigned reading.
2. Choose one of the pacifists from Week Four (Tolstoy, Ghandi, or Martin Luther King, Jr.). Which author from Week One would this pacifist be most likely to agree with about the cause of human violence? Justify your choice by citing specific claims from the Week Four pacifist and the Week One author.
3. Compare and contrast Samuel Huntington’s argument in “The Clash of Civilizations” (Barash, p. 48-55) with Robert Pape’s argument in “Dying to Win” (Barash, p. 194-196). They each give an explanation of why Muslim societies have come into violent conflict with Europe and America. How are their explanations similar? How are they different?
4. Compare and contrast the process of reconciliation and forgiveness described by Desmond Tutu with the theory of conflict transformation described by John Paul Lederach. What specific components do they both include in their peace process? Are there any specific components included in one process but not the other?
5. Can international law help establish lasting peace? In your answer, refer to at least four different authors from the course’s assigned reading.