Section I: Big Ideas

Using the prompt below, **write a thesis statement**. Remember, a thesis statement includes an arguable point and three supporting points. You are permitted to research the topic; however, *any attempt to use a readily available thesis statement or to pass off another person's writing as your own will result in an automatic 0 for the exam and a referral to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. This could result in an F for the course.*

PROMPT:
Cancel culture: "the practice of withdrawing support for (canceling) public figures and companies after they have done or said something considered objectionable or offensive." From canceling TV shows and boycotting companies, to removing monuments and changing the names of streets, parks, etc., there is little doubt cancel culture dominates modern society. *Examine the practice of cancel culture, particularly in the last 10 years. Then, develop a position on the effectiveness of cancel culture.* Use that position to complete the steps that follow.

Your ORIGINAL Thesis Statement: 21 points

Cancel culture is ineffective and unreliable because it incites hate, fear, and bias.

Now, using your Thesis Statement above, reverse engineer three (3) topic sentences in the spaces below. *Remember, your topic sentences should match the content AND the order of your Thesis Statement.*

Original Topic Sentences: 3 points each (9 points)

1. The hateful nature of cancel culture causes no real progress ~~to be made~~ on issues.
2. Secondly, cancel culture incites fear in society, which makes individuals afraid to speak on important issues.
3. Finally, cancel culture is very biased, meaning that if an individual has a viewpoint that is not "politically correct" it is seen as cancellable.

Section I Total: 30 points

Section II: Evidence

Based on your Thesis Statement and Topic Sentences above, find and embed ONE piece of evidence to support EACH main idea. *For each piece of evidence, you are to connect the source material to your own sentence, format it appropriately, and include a correct parenthetical/in-text citation.* Please use 3 different sources. Be sure to select credible sources. You have adequate resources to help you with this task.

REQUEST: Please copy and paste the Topic Sentences into the spaces below. Then, add your source material and parentheticals.

Topic Sentence: The hateful nature of cancel culture causes no real progress to be made on issues. Evidence: A study done by *ProCon.Org* found, "the cancellation can damage both parties if it has devolved into bullying. A 2020 study found 39% of cyberbully victims and 29% of cyberbullies showed signs of PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder)" ("Cancel Culture – Top 3 Pros and Cons").
Topic Sentence: Secondly, cancel culture incites fear into society, which makes individuals afraid to speak on important issues. Evidence: According to an article on aei.org, "Over the last few years, the percentage who say they feel less free has been much higher than it was in past decades" (Ponnuru, ~~Ramesh~~).
Topic Sentence: Finally, cancel culture is very biased, meaning that if an individual has a viewpoint that is not "politically correct" it is seen as cancellable. Evidence: verified philosopher Maria Cusati states, "The cancel culture, in addition to restricting your freedom, feeds confirmation bias. It makes you less rational, more intolerant, and reactionary" (Cusati ~~Maria~~).

Point break-down for this section:

- **Topic sentences, copied and pasted (1 point each, 3 points total)**
- **Evidence, relevant (3 points each, 9 points total)**

- **Leads - correctly introducing the quotes (3 points each, 9 points total)**
- **Correct punctuation - using commas and colons correctly, period placement, use of quotation marks (3 points per quote - 1 point per error - 9 points total)**
- **Quotations and italics - if required based on lead(s) and/or parentheticals (1 point deducted per error)**
- **Parentheticals - included and correct (3 points each, 9 points total)**

Section II Total: 39 points

Section III: Citation

Now, create a Works Cited Page for the sources used in Section II. Your Works Cited Page should adhere to MLA Guidelines. *You may review previous Works Cited Pages - from YOUR OWN essays - for guidance.*

Hit "Enter" until you get to a new page and create your Works Cited Page there.
Don't overlook formatting, titles, indents, etc. This document is NOT in Times New Roman 12.

Point break-down for this section:

- **Works Cited entries (6 points each, 18 points total)**
- **Title (2 points)**
- **Header (2 points)**
- **Spacing (2 points)**
- **Indent (2 points)**
- **Alphabetized (2 points)**
- **Times New Roman 12 (2 points)**

Section III Total: 30 points

When ready to submit, go to "Share" and change the "General Access" to "Anyone with the link." You will also need to change it from "Viewer" to "Commenter" OR "Editor." Then, click "Copy Link" and paste the link into the Final Exam assignment in Blackboard. Make sure it's FORMATTED as a link (it is underlined and turns blue when it's done correctly). Once you submit, verify that I can open your link before leaving today.

Total Exam Points:

Section I Total: 30 points
Section II Total: 39 points
Section III Total: 30 points

File name includes Last Name instead of "Copy of…..": 1 point

Total Exam Points: 100

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BONUS Section: Revision Task
(15 points possible)

Directions: Correct the Works Cited page below. There are 15 total errors.
It is not necessary to move the text to a new page.

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