PRIFYSGOL ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY

SEMESTER TWO EXAMINATIONS 2026

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND EARTH SCIENCES

GS37920 - Memory Cultures: heritage, identity and power

Time allowed: 2 hours

Seen Exam

Answer TWO questions

Notes Permitted

1. No more than 1 side of word-processed notes (i.e. not handwritten) on A4 paper.
2. Line spacing – not less than single (1.0) spacing.
3. Font size – not less than 12 point.
4. Margins – not less than 1 cm.
5. Font type – Times New Roman, Arial or Calibri (standard font, not narrow).

STUDENTS MAY SUBMIT ANSWERS TO THIS PAPER IN EITHER WELSH OR ENGLISH

Once seated, students may complete the front cover of the answer book(s) and the attendance slip ONLY.

DO NOT TURN THE EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER OVER UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.

1. Explain how technologies of museum display (e.g. cases, exhibitions and buildings) work as modes of social oppression.

[50%]

2. Critically examine the dangers associated with using affect as an interpretive strategy at heritage sites.

[50%]

3. Compose an evaluative summary of emerging research in the field of memory studies published over the past two years.

[50%]

4. Provide a written statement suitable for a public audience that defends one institution's decision to remove a statue of a figure associated with British Imperial conquest. Your statement should be written in the form of a 400-word press release.

[50%]

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