Discussion Questions

Direction: Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper in complete sentences.

Chapter 1
1. In your own words, describe the Bokanovsky Process. What is the ultimate purpose of the process? What are its limits?
2. List four processes that the bottled embryos undergo in the Embryo Room.
3. What is a freemartin?
4. What process guarantees the decanting of an Epsilon?
5. How is predestination carried out in the embryo room?
6. What is the secret of happiness and virtue?

Chapter Two
7. Describe the conditioning of the eight month old babies.
8. Why was the love of nature abolished?
9. What has been the purpose of conditioning Gammas, Deltas, Epsilons to love sports?
10. What is hypnopædia? What kind of education is it used for?
11. What is the purpose of the lesson in Elementary Class Consciousness?

Chapter Three
12. Who is Mustapha Mond? What rumors exist about him?
13. How do the people of this society know if something is true?
14. What brought about the decision to accept ectogenisis, the caste system?
15. What is soma? What are its advantages? Can you think of any disadvantages of such a drug?

Chapter Four
16. Why is Bernard such a loner?
17. What is Helmholtz Watson’s profession? What do he and Bernard have in common?
18. Why is Helmholz dissatisfied with what he writes?

Chapter Five
19. What is Slough Crematorium? What purpose do the smoke stacks serve?
20. What is a Solidarity Service? What is today’s equivalent?
Chapter Six
21. Describe the difference between Bernard’s idea of a good time and Lenina’s idea of a good time.
22. How does Lenina react to being alone with Bernard above the sea in the moonlight?
23. Summarize the story the Director tells Bernard.
24. How does the Director threaten Bernard?
25. Why is it impossible to escape a Savage Reservation?

Chapter Seven
26. How do “civilized people” combat old age?
27. What do the Savage Ceremony and a Community Sing have in common?
28. What is the connection between the blond savage boy and civilization?
29. Why do women of the pueblo hate Linda so much?

Chapter Eight
30. What is the difference between the stories John heard from Linda and those he heard from the men of the pueblo?
31. What does Popé bring John one day? What does it provoke John to do?
32. Why does the ceremony with Kiakime upset John?
33. Why is John excluded from the ceremony for the young boys?
34. What is Bernard’s plan?

Chapter Nine
35. What does Mustapha Mond give Bernard permission to do?
36. What does the episode in Lenina’s room reveal about John?

Chapter Ten
37. What does the Director intend to do to Bernard?
38. What is Bernard’s retaliation?