TAKE-HOME #2

Write a two- to four-page essay in answer to one of the following questions:

1. What is “the reduction”?

2. Explain this passage: “But it is also necessary that the saying call for philosophy in order that the light that occurs not congeal into essence what is beyond essence, and that the hypostasis of an eon not be set up as an idol” (44).

3. What does Levinas mean by “loosening this grip of being” (44)?

4. In “The End of the Book and the Beginning of Writing,” what does Derrida mean by “‘Signifier of the signifier’ describes on the contrary the movement of language” (269) and “the signified always already functions as a signifier” (269).

5. In “The End of the Book and the Beginning of Writing,” what does Derrida mean by “The ‘rationality...which governs a writing...no longer issues from a logos” (272).

6. Write an essay in which, as part of your essay, you explain the significance of the following terms in “The End of the Book and the Beginning of Writing”: “guaranteed” (268), “archon” (270), “logos” (272).

7. Write an essay in which, as part of your essay, you explain “differance” (555), “play of differences” (555), “Difference is neither a word nor a concept” (555) in “Differance.”

For this assignment, you will want to take some time to develop a clearly stated thesis that answers the selected essay question, and then to support it by referring to the text. After quoting the text, be sure to explain it.

Remember that in an essay, you show something (the thesis) by explaining and arguing. Your essay should include arguments for your thesis, and explanation of the thesis, basic terms, etc.

Essays will be word-processed or typed, double-spaced, in 10- or 12-point type. They will have a title and a title page. They will be in finished form and without errors in grammar, spelling and punctuation. All quotations will be accompanied by a reference in parentheses (page number is sufficient). Long quotations will be block indented.

**Due date:** Thursday, March 17, 2016