Details of Writing Assignment

Write a term paper in English of 1000-1500 words (around 4-6 pages of A4 double-space), including appropriate scholarly apparatus, on ONE of the following three topics:-

1. Compare and contrast any TWO of the cultural icons introduced during the course lectures, touching on each of these four aspects: Origins and Sources; Versions and Variations; Media and Audiences; and Meanings and Functions.

2. Choose a cultural icon other than those discussed in the course lectures and analyse its significance, touching on each of these four aspects: Origins and Sources; Versions and Variations; Media and Audiences; and Meanings and Functions. The icon can be from any culture with which you are familiar and can belong to either the present or the past.

3. Write an essay defining what you understand the term “popular culture” to mean, discussing how the concept changes over time and providing appropriate examples to illustrate your argument.

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The paper should be submitted (typed double-space) to the instructor not later than Tuesday 24th January,

either in person during class,
or in the report box outside the SILS Office.

Only in the case of special circumstances and with the consent of the instructor may reports be submitted by e-mail to the following address: glaw@waseda.jp (as an attachment in MS Word or the like; message sent by e-mail to acknowledge receipt).