

八十六學年度 外語 系(所) 外國文學 組碩士班研究生入學考試  
科目 英美文學 科號 4802 共 1 頁第 1 頁 \*請在試卷【答案卷】內作答

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURE

Write a cogent essay on each of the following questions.

Section I: English Literature

1. Choose TWO of the pairs of characters listed below and write an essay in which you discuss how the relationship between the characters in each pair help to determine the structure, values, and meaning of the work in which they appear: (20%)
  - a. The Wife of Bath and the Miller
  - b. Sir Gawain and the Green Knight
  - c. Satan and Eve
2. Compare Milton's "Lycidas" and Gray's "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard" as versions of pastoral. (20%)
3. Discuss Shakespeare's use of history in his dramatic creations. You must refer to as many plays and related details as you can to show how the concept of history works. (20%)

Section II: American Literature

4. Several American writers achieved a unique, distinctive prose style. That is, they used language in a new, fresh, and effective way. Select TWO authors from the list below and, by reference to particular writings, describe the elements of his style that characterize his prose at its best: (20%)

Emerson  
Clemens (Mark Twain)  
Stephen Crane  
Henry James
5. Feminism has been one of the interesting and important topics in American literature. Please write an essay in response to this issue and choose TWO authors from the list below to back up your discussion. (20%)

Emily Dickinson  
Sylvia Plath  
Anne Sexton  
Adrienne Rich