

八十七學年度 外國語文系(所) 甲 組碩士班研究生入學考試

科目 英美文學史 科號 4902 共 2 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. Some literary works of art are known for their embodiment of "cosmic themes" and presentation of the "depth of tragic feeling." Analyze and discuss *The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus* and *King Lear* in terms of these two aspects. (20%)

2. Moments of spiritual transcendence and revelation abound in nineteenth century poetry. Select **two** writers from the list below and examine how traditional religious values are affirmed, questioned, and transformed by drawing specific references to their works. (20%)

William Blake

Alfred Lord Tennyson

Christina Rossetti

Gerard Manley Hopkins

Robert Browning

Matthew Arnold

3. Select **two** works from the list below and write a critical evaluation of them. Your evaluation should include a summary of their key critical ideas, the way how they reflect the main characteristics of that age, and an assessment of their importance in the history of literary criticism. (20%)

"Defence of Poesy"

"An Essay of Dramatic Poesy"

"Traditional and the Individual Talent"

"An Essay on Criticism"

"Preface to Lyrical Ballads"

國立清華大學 命題紙

八十七學年度 外國語文 系(所) 甲 組碩士班研究生入學考試

科目 英美文學 科號 4702 共 2 頁第 2 頁 \*請在試卷【答案卷】內作答

Section II: American Literature

4. In addition to their achievement in poetry and fiction, some well-known American writers made important contributions to literary criticism. Select two writers from the list below and describe their major critical ideas, citing specific works by each. (20%)

Edgar Allan Poe

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Walt Whitman

Robert Frost

William Dean Howells

Henry James

Stephen Crane

Adrienne Rich

5. Attitudes toward marriage are thematically central in each of the following works. Describe the writer's analysis of the tension between marriage as social institution and marriage as a personal romance, or disaster. Choose two of the following works and present your viewpoint. (20%)

*Portrait of a Lady*

*The Awakening*

"Editha"

*The Scarlet Letter*

*The Great Gatsby*

*A Streetcar Named Desire*