

# 臺北市立大學

## 107 學年度第一學期學士班二、三年級轉學生招生考試試題

系 別：英語教學系（三年級）

科 目：西洋文學概論

考試時間：90 分鐘【08:30-10:00】

總 分：100 分

不得使用計算機  
或任何儀具。

※ 注意：不必抄題，作答時請將試題題號及答案依照順序寫在答案卷上；限用藍色或黑色筆作答，使用其他顏色或鉛筆作答者，所考科目以零分計算。（於本試題紙上作答者，不予計分。）

### I. Define each of the following terms in 1-2 sentences, using a specific example from western literature that best indicates the required term. (20%)

1. allegory
2. pastoral
3. oxymoron
4. vernacular literature

### II. Short Answer Questions (30%)

1. In *Oedipus the King*, when Tiresias told Oedipus the following words, what did he mean?

Tiresias: "Since you have thrown my blindness at me  
I will tell you what your eyes don't see:  
What evil you are stepped in.

...

You are their enemy  
in this life and down there with the dead.  
And soon their double curse—  
your father's and your mother's—  
will lash you out of Thebes  
on terror-stricken feet.  
Your eyes, which now see life,  
Will then see darkness.

**2. What does the statement, "Frailty thy name is woman," in Act 1 of Hamlet mean? Whom does Prince Hamlet think particularly of? What does this reveal his attitude toward his parents?**

That he might not beteem the winds of heaven  
Visit her face too roughly.—Heaven and earth,  
Must I remember? Why, she would hang on him  
As if increase of appetite had grown  
By what it fed on, and yet, within a month—  
Let me not think on 't. Frailty, thy name is woman!—  
A little month, or ere those shoes were old  
With which she followed my poor father's body,  
Like Niobe, all tears. Why she, even she—  
O God, a beast that wants discourse of reason  
Would have mourned longer!—married with my uncle,  
My father's brother, but no more like my father  
Than I to Hercules. Within a month,  
Ere yet the salt of most unrighteous tears  
Had left the flushing in her gallèd eyes,  
She married. O most wicked speed, to post  
With such dexterity to incestuous sheets!

**III. Essay Question (50%)**

1. Achilles in Homer's *Illiad* and Beowulf in *Beowulf* are portrayed as epic heroes. Both of them demonstrate their bravery in facing their rivals. Yet, in what way are they different from each other?
2. Odysseus's wanderings may seem to be only an unconnected series of incredible adventures in *The Odyssey*. Is there any logical pattern in the obstacles placed in Odysseus's way?