

# 臺北市立大學

## 108 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. couplet
2. parody
3. medieval romance
4. metaphysical conceit

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

1. In the fourth circle of the inferno in *Divine Comedy*, the pilgrim asked his master about what Fortune was. The master replied as follows. Please interpret the character of Fortune.

O foolish race of man,  
how overwhelming is your ignorance!  
Now listen while I tell you what she means:  
that One, whose wisdom knows infinity,  
made all the heaven and gave each one a guide,  
and each sphere shining shines on all the others,  
so light is spread with equal distribution:  
for worldly splendors He decreed the same  
and ordained a guide and general mistress  
who would at her discretion shift the world's  
vain wealth from nation to nation, house to house,  
with no chance of interference from mankind;

so while one nation rules, another falls,  
according to whatever she decrees  
(her sentence hidden like a snake in grass).

2. Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:  
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,  
And summer's lease hath all too short a date:  
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,  
And often is his gold complexion dimmed,  
And every fair from fair sometime declines,  
By chance, or nature's changing course untrimmed:  
But thy eternal summer shall not fade,  
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st,  
Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade,  
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st,  
    So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see,  
    So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

**How does the structure of the sonnet relate to the logical progression of its argument?**

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

1. Religion has played a prominent role in Western civilization; yet, there are various theological ideas embedded in literary works. Please elaborate the differences concerning the ideas of deities and their relation with man in Greek mythology and Hebrew Bible.
2. What central philosophical and moral questions does *The Praise of Folly* examine? Why does Desiderius Erasmus use flippant, humorous satire to express the ideas of the work?