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系別：英國語文學系三年級

科目：英國文學(一)

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Test Questions for English Literature (I)

I. Explain the following terms: 40%

1. The Seven Deadly Sins
2. blason
3. Metaphysical poetry
4. pastoral
5. Epithalamion
6. Comedy of Manners
7. Humanism
8. carpe diem

II. Essay Question. Choose *four* out of the following. 15 points each.

1. Discuss Sir Gawain's shield and its symbolic meanings.
2. What is neoclassicism? Use Pope's "An Essay on Criticism" as your example to illustrate your main arguments.
3. Discuss the following poem:

Th' expense of spirit in a waste of shame
Is lust in action; and till action, lust
Is perjur'd, murd'rous, bloody, full of blame,
Savage, extreme, rude, cruel, not to trust;
Enjoy'd no sooner but despised straight;
Past reason hunted; and, no sooner had,
Past reason hated, as a swallow'd bait,
On purpose laid to make the taker mad:
Mad in pursuit, and in possession so;
Had, having, and in quest to have, extreme;
A bliss in proof, and prov'd, a very woe;
Before, a joy propos'd; behind, a dream.
All this the world well knows; yet none knows well
To shun the heaven that leads men to this hell.

4. Discuss Ben Jonson's *Volpone* or *The Fox* as a satire.
5. What is "fabliau"? Use Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales* to prove your main points.