

# 淡江大學九十四學年度轉學生招生考試試題

系別：英文學系三年級

科目：英國文學（一）

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## 1. Paraphrases: 30%

In your own words, paraphrase the following passages.

(a)

One day I wrote her name upon the strand,  
But came the waves and washed it away:  
Agayne I wrote it with a second hand,  
But came the tyde, and made my paynes his pray.  
"Vayne man," sayd she, "that doest in vaine assay,  
A mortall thing so to immortalize,  
For I my selve shall lyke to this decay,  
And eek my name bee wyped out lykewize."  
"Not so," quod I, "let baser things devize  
To dy in dust, but you shall live by fame:  
My verse your vertues rare shall eternize,  
And in the heavens wryte your glorious name.  
Where whenas death shall all the world subdew,  
Our love shall live, and later life renew."

Edmund Spenser, Sonnet 75 from *Amoretti*

(b)

On Adam last thus judgment he pronounced.  
"Because thou hast hearkened to the voice of thy wife,  
And eaten of the tree concerning which  
I charged thee, saying: Thou shalt not eat thereof,  
Cursed is the ground for thy sake, thou in sorrow  
Shalt eat thereof all the days of thy life;  
Thorns also and thistles it shall bring thee forth  
Unbid, and thou shalt eat th' herb of the field,  
In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread,  
Till thou return unto the ground, for thou  
Out of the ground wast taken: know thy birth,  
For dust thou art, and shalt to dust return."

John Milton, from *Paradise Lost*, Book 10

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2. Explain with two or three examples how Chaucer characterizes the pilgrims in *The General Prologue to The Canterbury Tales*. 20%
3. Discuss the theme(s) of a Shakespearean play you know well. 20%
4. Summarize the history of English literature from the Middle Ages to the 17<sup>th</sup> century: consider the major writers (including anonymous authors) and the significance of their major works. 30%