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系別：英文學系三年級

科目：英國文學(一)

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A. Write down the author's (full) name or the work's title for the following questions (40%)

- _____ 1. Which work is the oldest of the great long poems written in English, in which the pagan world of a distant past has been portrayed through the imagination of Christian authors?
- _____ 2. Which work contains *The Miller's Tale*?
- _____ 3. Who is the author of *The Faerie Queene*?
- _____ 4. Which work of Sir Philip Sidney that describes a relationship is often seen as reflecting that of Sidney with Penelope Rich?
- _____ 5. Which work of Christopher Marlowe's was not his sole invention but came from a German narrative about an actual historical figure?
- _____ 6. Whose sonnets have acquired the popular reputation of being the most beautiful love poems ever written?
- _____ 7. Which lyric collected in John Donne's *Songs and Sonnets* begins with "Busy old fool, unruly sun,/ Why dost thou thus/ Through windows and through curtains call on us?"
- _____ 8. Who is the author of *An Essay on Criticism*?

B. Paraphrase the following sonnet (20%)

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.

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C. Essay questions. Choose TWO out of the followings. (40%)

1. Please discuss the theme and meaning of *King Lear*.
2. How does Ben Jonson's *Volpone (The Fox)* portray with a black humour a society in which the pursuit of wealth and individual self-interest has become primary?
3. *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, a work of Arthurian literature, is sophisticated with its use of medieval symbolism. Please give examples to discuss its symbolic meanings.