

淡江大學 99 學年度碩士班招生考試試題

系別：英文學系

科目：美國文學

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Part I. Essay

Answer *two* of the following three questions. (20% each)

1. Discuss any poem by Sylvia Plath *or* Allen Ginsberg. What makes the poem memorable? What style and tone are used by the poet? How does the poem reflect the poet's life or historical context?
2. What dramatic conflicts are presented in *A Streetcar Named Desire*? What is the play's historical significance in the period in which it was written?
3. Compare Jack London's "To Build a Fire" with Edgar Allan Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart."

Part II. Short Essay (30%)

*Summarize six* of the following seven famous poems in at least one sentence (per poem) so as to demonstrate your knowledge of these poems (5% each):

- T. S. Eliot's "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock"
- Robert Frost's "Mending Wall"
- Walt Whitman's "Song of Myself"
- Theodore Roethke's "My Papa's Waltz"
- Marianne Moore's "Poetry"
- Wallace Stevens' "Anecdote of the Jar"
- William Carlos Williams' "The Young Housewife"

Part III. Short Essay (30%)

Briefly discuss the *ideological significance*—either in their original context or as appropriated later by others—of *six* of the following writers *as American writers* (5% each):

- Thomas Paine
- Richard Wright
- W. E. B. Du Bois
- Ezra Pound
- Robinson Jeffers
- Herman Melville
- Ralph Waldo Emerson