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**Select any Four from the following quotations to explain and analyze. (25% each)**

1. Beowulf, son of Ecgtheow, spoke:  
 Wise sir, do not grieve. It is always better  
 to avenge dear ones than to indulge in mourning.  
 For every one of us, living in this world  
 means waiting for our end. Let whoever can  
 win glory before death. When a warrior is gone  
 That will be his best and only bulwark.

*Beowulf*

2. And therefore, as I find, he fittingly had  
 On the inner part of his shield her [Virgin Mary] image portrayed,  
 That when his look on it lighted, he never lost heart.  
 The fifth of the five fives followed by this knight  
 Were beneficence boundless and brotherly love  
 And pure mind and manners, that none might impeach,  
 And compassion most precious-these peerless five  
 Were forged and made fast in him, foremost of men.  
 Now all these five fives were conformed in this knight,  
 And each liked in other, that end there was none,  
 And fixed to five points, whose force never failed,

*Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*

3. A summoner was with us in that place,  
 ....  
 Why, he would suffer, for a quart of wine,  
 Some good fellow to have his concubine  
 A twelve-month, and excuse him to the full  
 (Between ourselves, though, he could pluck a gull).  
 And if he chanced upon a good fellow,  
 He would instruct him never to have awe,  
 In such a case, of the archdeacon's curse.  
 Except a man's soul lie within his purse;  
 For in his purse the man should punished be.

*Geoffrey Chaucer, The Canterbury Tales*

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4. Know then thyself, presume not God to scan  
 The proper study of Mankind is Man.  
 Placed on this isthmus of a middle state,  
 A Being darkly wise, and rudely great:  
 With too much knowledge for the Sceptic side,  
 With too much weakness for the Stoic's pride,  
 He hangs between; in doubt to act, or rest;  
 In doubt to deem himself a God, or Beast;  
 In doubt his mind or body to prefer;  
 Born but to die, and reas'ning but to err;

**Alexander Pope, *An Essay on Man***

5. I have said that poetry is the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings: it takes its origin from emotion recollected in tranquility: the emotion is contemplated till, by a species of reaction, the tranquility gradually disappears, and an emotion, kindred to that which was before the subject of contemplation, is gradually produced, and does itself actually exist in the mind.

**William Wordsworth, "Preface to Lyrical Ballads"**

6. Beauty is the sole legitimate province of the poem. .... Now the object Truth, or the satisfaction of the intellect, and the object Passion, or the excitement of the heart, are, although attainable to a certain extent in poetry, far more readily attainable in prose. Truth, in fact, demands a precision, and Passion, a homeliness, which are absolutely antagonistic to that Beauty which, I maintain, is the excitement or pleasurable elevation of the soul.

**Edgar Allan Poe, "The Philosophy of Composition"**

7. A man said to the universe:  
 "Sir I exist!"  
 "However," replied the universe,  
 "The fact has not created in me  
 A sense of obligation."

**Stephen Crane**

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8. One day he spoke of her to his aunt --- said it was on his conscience that he had done her [Daisy Miller] injustice.

"I am sure I don't know," said Mrs. Costello. "How did your injustice affect her?" "She sent me a message before her death which I didn't understand at the time; but I have understood it since. She would have appreciated one's esteem."

"Is that a modest way," asked Mrs. Costello, "of saying that she would have reciprocated one's affection?"

Winterbourne offered no answer to this question; but he presently said, "You were right in that remark that you made last summer. I was booked to make a mistake. I have lived too long in foreign parts."

**Henry James, *Daisy Miller***

9. I'm going out to clean the pasture spring;  
I'll only stop to rake the leaves away  
(And wait to watch the water clear, I may):  
I shan't be gone long. -- You come too.

I'm going out to fetch the little calf  
That's standing by the mother. It's so young,  
It totters when she licks it with her tongue.  
I shan't be gone long. -- You come too.

**Robert Frost, "The Pasture"**

10. He acts like an animal, has an animal's habits! Eats like one, moves like one, talks like one!  
There's even something---sub-human---something not quite to the stage of humanity yet! Yes,  
something ape-like about him, like one of those pictures I've seen in--- anthropological studies!  
Thousands and thousands of years have passed him right by, and there he is--- Stanley  
Kowalski---survivor of the stone age! Bearing the raw meat home from the kill in the jungle!  
[...] God! Maybe we are long way from being made in God's image, but Stellar---my  
sister---there has been some progress since then! Such things as art---as poetry and music---such  
kinds of new light have come into the world since then!

**Tennessee Williams, *A Streetcar Named Desire***