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I. Essay Questions: 100% Please choose any **FIVE** from the following.

1. *Beowulf*, a representative of Old English literature, is an example of heroic poetry. Use examples to illustrate the heroism in this epic, the portrait of a warrior society, and a moral obligation for justice.
2. Do you agree with the judgement that *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* is considered "the finest Arthurian romance"? Why?
3. The word *truth* or *troth* in Middle English is the moral and Christian ideal of chivalry that Sir Gawain is being measured against in the tests and trials that he undertakes in this romance. Do you think he succeeds in the tests? Why or why not?
4. "The Miller's Tale" in Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales* is a good example of fabliau. Explain the genre and use examples to illustrate.
5. The interchanges of tales in *The Canterbury Tales* can be vividly illustrated by the contrast between "The Knight's Tale" and "The Miller's Tale." Explain and discuss with examples from the text.
6. Do you agree that Malory's chivalry as represented in *Morte Darthur* is "primarily devoted to the fellowship and competitions of aristocratic men"? Use examples from the text to illustrate or support your argument.
7. There are unconventional, subversive, or creative elements in Shakespearean sonnets. Use one or two sonnets by Shakespeare to provide evidence.
8. *King Lear* is regarded as the most famous tragedy written by Shakespeare. Do you agree? What do you think of Shakespeare's obsession with evil in this play?