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I. Essay Questions (100 %)

- Please choose **four** questions from below and answer them in English.
- 1. Please address elements of the Christian tradition referenced in Beowulf.
- 2. Please summarize Sir Thomas Malory's depiction of the deaths of King Arthur, Lancelot, and Guinevere in *Morte Darthur*.
- 3. Please analyze the following sonnet written by William Shakespeare.

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 wand'rest 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.

- 4. In its play on gender confusion and ambiguity, how does Shakespeare's *The Twelfth Night* offer commentary on "the ideal woman" and "the ideal man"?
- 5. Please discuss the theme of heroism in John Milton's Paradise Lost.
- 6. How does the narrator and narrative technique of Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels* aid in the novel's satirical agenda?