

八十八學年度轉學生入學考試

科目 西洋文學概論 共 2 頁第 1 頁 *請在試卷【答案卷】內作答

I. Short Answers; Choose FIVE questions to answer (35 %)

1. By which action does Homer suggest that Achilles' rage has finally been relieved in the last book of Iliad?
2. What signifies generally the term "the vote of Athena"? And what is the origin of this term dramatized in The Eumenides?
3. Aristotle maintains: "For tragedy is not an imitation of men but of actions and of life" in Poetics. Comment on this statement with the example of Medea.
4. What is the subject of Metamorphoses? And how does Ovid treat this subject in his long epic? Give examples to support your points.
5. From what can the reader see the narrator's (Encolpius) naivety during his dinner with Trimalchio? Give two examples.
6. In the plot development of Agamemnon, how does Aeschylus suggest the forthcoming tragedy, namely the regicide, before the murderous action of Clytaemnestra?

II. Paraphrase the following passages (35 %):

(to paraphrase a passage is to express the meaning of the passage in other words so as to bring out the sense.)

1. "Ah, wretched man, in dreadful wise beguiled, bewrayed, thy soul is sore distressed. I pity thee, alas! alas! What soul, what loins, what liver could stand this strain? How firm and unyielding he stands, with naught to aid him of a morning."
2. "But it breaks my spirit;
underneath my breast all the heart is shaken.
Let me only glance where you are, the voice dies,
I can say nothing,
but my lips are stricken to silence, under-
neath my skin the tenuous flame suffuses;
nothing shows in front of my eyes, my ears are
muted in thunder".
3. "Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off? Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same. By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed".

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4. "Zeus, Zeus, watch over all we do,
fledglings reft of the noble eagle father.
He died in the coils, the viper's dark embrace.
We are his orphans worn down with hunger,
weak, too young to haul the father's quarry
home to shelter."
5. "When Dawn
Swept earth with Phoebus' torch and burned away
Night-gloom and damp, this queen, far gone and ill,
Confided to the sister of her hart;
'My sister Anna, quandaries and dreams
Have come to frighten me—such dreams!'"

III. Essay Question (30 %)

The Odyssey refers often to the Iliad. (1) When does these references occur in the Odyssey? (2) And what can we learn from these references?