

温州大学

2012 年硕士研究生招生入学考试试题(A)

科目代码及名称: 818 英语文学及文化

适用专业: 英语语言文学

(请考生在答题纸上答题, 在此试题纸上答题无效)

第一部分 英语文学 (共 80 分)

I. Identify the following works and quotations with their authors, write your answers on the Answer Sheet. 10%

1. *The Canterbury Tales*
2. *The Tempest*
3. *The Vicar of Wakefield*
4. *A Modest Proposal*
5. "We stood together; and that I, so long
A worshipper of Nature, hither came
Unwearied in that service: rather say
With warmer love--oh! with far deeper zeal
Of holier love. Nor wilt thou then forget,"
6. *The American Crisis*
7. *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*
8. "Life is real ! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal ;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul,"
9. *The Grapes of Wrath*
10. *The Waste Land*

II. Explain FOUR of the following literary terms in about 50 words for each. 20%

The Renaissance in England
KJV Bible
Man Booker International Prize
Transcendentalism
Archetypal Criticism
Marxist Criticism
Cultural Studies

III. Choose TWO from the following topics and then do according to the requirement in about 100 words for each. 20%

1. Brief Comment on the theme of test in *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*.
2. What is the general theme of *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan?
3. Make an assessment of the significance of the Enlightenment in America.
4. The literary school of naturalism was quite popular in the late 19th century. What are the major characteristics of naturalism?
5. Choose one of the following authors and make a comment on any one of his/her literary works: John Keats, Oscar Wilde, Nathaniel Hawthorne, William Faulkner.

IV. Comment on TWO of the following selected texts in about 100 words for each. 20%

1. But she went on pleading in her distraction; and perhaps said things that would have been better left to

silence.

`Angel! - Angel! I was a child - a child when it happened! I knew nothing of men.'

`You were more sinned against than sinning, that I admit.'

`Then will you not forgive me?'

`I do forgive you, but forgiveness is not all.'

`And love me?'

To this question he did not answer.

`O Angel - my mother says that it sometimes happens so! - she knows several cases where they were worse than I, and the husband has not minded it much - has got over it at least. And yet the woman has not loved him as I do you!'

`Don't, Tess; don't argue. Different societies, different manners. You almost make me say you are an unapprehending peasant woman, who have never been initiated into the proportions of social things. You don't know what you say.'

`I am only a peasant by position, not by nature!'

2. Caroline, or Sister Carrie, as she had been half affectionately termed by the family, was possessed of a mind rudimentary in its power of observation and analysis. Self-interest with her was high, but not strong. It was, nevertheless, her guiding characteristic. Warm with the fancies of youth, pretty with the insipid prettiness of the formative period, possessed of a figure promising eventual shapeliness and an eye alight with certain native intelligence, she was a fair example of the middle American class--two generations removed from the emigrant. Books were beyond her interest--knowledge a sealed book. In the intuitive graces she was still crude. She could scarcely toss her head gracefully. Her hands were almost ineffectual. The feet, though small, were set flatly. And yet she was interested in her charms, quick to understand the keener pleasures of life, ambitious to gain in material things. A half-equipped little knight she was, venturing to reconnoitre the mysterious city and dreaming wild dreams of some vague, far-off supremacy, which should make it prey and subject--the proper penitent, grovelling at a woman's slipper.

3. To go into solitude, a man needs to retire as much from his chamber as from society. I am not solitary whilst I read and write, though nobody is with me. But if a man would be alone, let him look at the stars. The rays that come from those heavenly worlds, will separate between him and what he touches. One might think the atmosphere was made transparent with this design, to give man, in the heavenly bodies, the perpetual presence of the sublime. Seen in the streets of cities, how great they are! If the stars should appear one night in a thousand years, how would men believe and adore; and preserve for many generations the remembrance of the city of God which had been shown! But every night come out these envoys of beauty, and light the universe with their admonishing smile.

V. Choose ONE poem from the list below, and make a comment on the theme of it in about 100 words

(Use at least three of the following elements develop and reinforce your analysis: diction, tone, image, figure of speech, symbols, irony, syntax, rhythm and meter, rhyme).10%

1. The River-Merchant's Wife: A Letter

By Ezra Pound(1885-1972)

While my hair was still cut straight across my forehead

I played about the front gate, pulling flowers.

You came by on bamboo stilts, playing horse,

You walked about my seat, playing with blue plums.

And we went on living in the village of Chokan:

Two small people, without dislike or suspicion.

At fourteen I married My Lord you.

I never laughed, being bashful.

Lowering my head, I looked at the wall.

Called to, a thousand times, I never looked back.

At fifteen I stopped scowling,
I desired my dust to be mingled with yours
Forever and forever and forever.
Why should I climb the look out?

At sixteen you departed,
You went into far Ku-to-yen, by the river of swirling eddies,
And you have been gone five months.
The monkeys make sorrowful noise overhead.

You dragged your feet when you went out.
By the gate now, the moss is grown, the different mosses,
Too deep to clear them away!
The leaves fall early this autumn, in wind.
The paired butterflies are already yellow with August
Over the grass in the West garden;
They hurt me. I grow older.
If you are coming down through the narrows of the river Kiang,
Please let me know beforehand,
And I will come out to meet you
As far as Cho-fu-Sa.

2. On His Blindness

By John Milton (1608-1674)

When I consider how my light is spent
Ere half my days in this dark world and wide,
And that one talent which is death to hide
Lodg'd with me useless, though my soul more bent
To serve therewith my Maker, and present
My true account, lest he returning chide,
"Doth God exact day-labour, light denied?"
I fondly ask. But Patience, to prevent
That murmur, soon replies: "God doth not need
Either man's work or his own gifts: who best
Bear his mild yoke, they serve him best. His state
Is kingly; thousands at his bidding speed
And post o'er land and ocean without rest:
They also serve who only stand and wait."

第二部分 英语国家文化 (共 70 分)

I. There are altogether 10 blanks in this item. Fill in the blanks with proper words and write your answer on the ANSWER SHEET. (10*1 = 10 points)

1. The full name of the United Kingdom is the United Kingdom of _____ and Northern Ireland.
2. Christmas commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ while _____ commemorates the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- 3 Australia, as the world's _____ continent and biggest island, has a population which is small in relation to its size.

4. "The Jewel in the Crown" of the British Empire— _____, which provided raw material and a big market for British goods, gained independence in 1947.
5. The first permanent settlement in North America was established in today's _____ in the year of 1607.
6. America's movies are mostly made in Hollywood, near the city of Los Angeles in south _____.
7. The North and the South Island in New Zealand is separated by _____.
8. The United States was founded on the idea of _____. Americans aspire to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness".
9. Multiculturalism has caused something of a problem in that Canadians often feel they lack a _____.
10. In America, groups who try to persuade Congressmen to vote for or against a bill are known as _____.

II. Choose the right answer to fill in the follow blank (10*1 = 10 points)

1. Who were the ancestors of the English and the founders of England?
a. the Romans b. the Normans c. the Vikings d. the Anglo-Saxons
2. If a student wants to go to university in Britain, he will take the examination called
a. General Certificate of Education----Advanced. b. General Certificate of Secondary Education.
c. The common entrance examination. d. General National Vocational Qualifications.
3. Three of the following factors have contributed to a certain degree of Britain's special relationship with the United States. Which is the exception?
a. Britain and the United States share the general ideas in many respects.
b. They have common interests in every respect.
c. They agree generally on how the world economy should be managed.
d. They have special links in culture.
4. Located in the southern hemisphere, Australia is often referred to by the Europeans as _____.
a. the Land Down Under b. the Great Dividing Range
c. the Land in the Sun d. the Commonwealth of Australia
5. Where is the international tennis championships held in Britain?
a. Wembley b. Wimbledon c. St Andrews d. Clapham
6. Which countries are the permanent members of the UN Security Council? _____
a. France, China, Germany, Russia and Britain.
b. The United States, France, Britain, Germany and Russia.
c. China, Russia, France, Britain and the United States.
d. China, Britain, France, the United States and Japan.
7. New Zealanders have adopted their name from the kiwi _____.
a. which is a native flightless bird.
b. which was the only mammal in New Zealand
c. which was introduced to New Zealand about 1000 years ago.
d. which is an introduced flightless bird.

8. What is the official language besides English in Canada?

- A. German b. Japanese c. French d. Finish

9. The central symbol for American literature is _____

- a. modernism b. survival c. island d. frontier

10. In January 1965, President Johnson declared “_____” to eliminate poverty “by opening to everyone the opportunity to live in decency and dignity”.

- a. war against Vietnam b. war against poverty c. war against Japan d. new Frontier program

III. Explain the following terms briefly (5*3 = 15 points)

1. William the Conqueror
2. Protestantism
3. Declaration of Independence
4. the Royal Flying Doctor Service
5. Multiculturalism

IV. Answer the following questions briefly (5*4 = 20 points)

1. How does the legend of Robin Hood reflect the English culture?
2. Why do people show a negative attitude toward immigrants?
3. What is the subject of modernism and post-modernism?
4. What measures does the Irish government adopt to revive the Irish language?
5. What does WASP mean?

V. Choose one of the following topics to deal with; the answer should be no less than 500 words (15 points).

1. Why is it hard to sum up the British people with a few simple phrases?

2. In what way did Puritanism influence American culture?