

國立高雄師範大學 101 學年度碩士班招生考試試題

系所別：英語學系

科 目：美國文學（全一頁）

※注意：1. 本科限用英文作答。

2. 作答時請將試題題號及答案依序寫在答案卷上，於本試題上作答者，不予計分。

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1. Please answer one of the following questions (1) or (2). (25%)

(1) Many of the early colonists came to New England with strongly held religious ideas. In what ways did their religious convictions shape the literature of New England in the 17th and 18th centuries?

(2) In Emerson's "American Scholar" address, he describes the state of American letters and makes some recommendations. What are some of these ideas?

2. Please answer one of the following questions (1) or (2). (25%)

(1) Writers such as James Fenimore Cooper, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Mark Twain wrote novels which are usually described as "Romances." Later writers such as Stephen Crane, Henry James and Theodore Dreiser wrote realistic or even "naturalistic" novels. What are some of the significant differences between an American romance novel and a realistic or naturalistic one?

(2) Compare and contrast the themes, settings and technique of several stories by Nathaniel Hawthorne (for example, "Young Goodman Brown," "The Minister's Black Veil," "The Birthmark") and Edgar Allan Poe (for example, "The Black Cat," "The Fall of the House of Usher," "The Purloined Letter.").

3. Race is one of the most prominent ideologies of American literature. List three texts from the major writers in contemporary American literature (from the early 1970s to the present day) such as Thomas Pynchon, Toni Morrison, William Faulkner, Ernest Hemingway, and others to discuss the issues of race. (25%)

4. At the beginning of the 20th century, American novelists tended to depict the social issues from a naturalist perspective. Discuss Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence*, Stephen Crane's *Maggie: A Girl of the Streets* and Theodore Dreiser's *Sister Carrie* to highlight the problems of American society. (25%)