

# 國立臺灣師範大學 109 學年度碩士班招生考試試題

科目：英文作文

適用系所：英語學系

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One of the well-known quotes from Adam Smith—the father of modern economics—is: “It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own self-interest. We address ourselves, not to their humanity but to their self-love, and never talk to them of our own necessities, but of their advantages” (*Wealth of Nations*, Book 1, Chapter 2). Many use this quote to promote a market of “free” competition. They propose the reductions and eliminations of governmental interferences in all markets/trades in the belief that the economic welfare for all could be maximized if all market participants (both suppliers and consumers) act according to their self-interest. However, the development of free market economies in reality has generated many problems, most notably the widening gaps between the wealthy and the poor within nations, the formation of monopolies/oligopolies (i.e., the rise of corporate governance) in trade, product safety and environmental concerns, etc.

Write a well-structured essay to comment on the pros and cons of a free market economy. You are welcome (but are not limited) to open Smith’s words into discussion, bring in readings of texts related to this topic, offer your reflections, and/or share your own experiences as a participant in a “free” (or perhaps not completely “free”) economy. **(100 points)**