

科目：批判寫作 系所組：英國語文學系碩士班文學與文化組

【試題隨彌封答案卷繳回】

Critical Writing

Write a well-structured essay--with a clear thesis statement, logical paragraph structure, and conclusion--answering the following questions:

How does "Days" by Felix Cheong differ from Philip Larkin's poem? What does Cheong's poem mean, and how does it convey this meaning? Do you agree with Cheong's interpretation of the poet? Yes or no, please give your examples of literature in your answer. (100%)

"Days" by Philip Larkin

What are days for?
Days are where we live in.
They come, they wake us
Time and time over.
They are to be happy in:
Where can we live but days?

Ah, solving that question
Brings the priest and the doctor
In their long coats
Running over the fields.

Days (for Philip Larkin, who didn't answer the question fully.)

by Felix Cheong

What are days?
They are dumb routines of work and play
quietly trapping us
between dawn and dust.

What are days for?
They are for nights to rest
before unleashing the dark
from unknown places in the heart.

Where do days go?
They go the way
of spent happiness and unwanted grief
trailing the wake of a silent breeze.

What do days mean?
Answering this question
sends the poet to his pen
and raises the prophet to his feet--

both scurrying to their graves
across the field,
armed with words and gods.

※ 注意：1. 考生須在「彌封答案卷」上作答。

2. 本試題紙空白部份可當稿紙使用。

3. 考生於作答時可否使用計算機、法典、字典或其他資料或工具，以簡章之規定為準。