

## ENGL 138 MIDTERM EXAM FORMAT & EXAMPLES

### **Part 1: Brief Identification**

Directions: Choose eight out of the following twelve and identify the *author* and *text*, and then write a brief phrase or sentence highlighting its *significance*. **(15 minutes, 16 points)**

Here are a few examples:

1. What immortal hand or eye / Dare frame they fearful symmetry?
2. But thou, my babe! shalt wander like a breeze
3. This exertion of cunning is an instinct of nature to enable them to obtain indirectly a little of that power
4. Nature, red in tooth and claw

### **Part 2: Short Answer**

Directions: Choose four of the following eight and answer in three to five sentences. Be brief yet as specific and detailed as possible in your discussion. **(20 minutes, 20 points)**

Here are a couple examples:

1. What makes “Frost at Midnight” an especially Romantic poem?
2. Discuss the importance of childhood to the Romantics and include specific examples.

### **Part 3: Essay**

Directions: Choose one of the two following questions and answer in essay form. Focus your response by selecting specific and detailed examples from the different texts you choose. Keep the time limitations in mind, as you must discuss a variety of texts in your answer. **(50 minutes, 64 points)**

Here’s one example:

1. Choose at least **three** of the texts we’ve studied this semester (at least one must be Romantic and at least one must be Victorian) and discuss the ways the texts reflect historical developments (changes, events, etc.) that were happening in their eras.

#### **Materials:**

- Bring a pen & a Greenbook (available at the bookstore)
- Books, notes, and electronic devices are not allowed.
- I will have dictionaries you can use.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Students need to remain seated during the first two parts of the exam, and electronic devices with internet access must be out of sight to ensure academic honesty. Please plan accordingly before arriving to class.