

※ 考生請注意：本試題不可使用計算機。 請於答案卷(卡)作答，於本試題紙上作答者，不予計分。

Essay Questions: Answer the following questions in well-organized short essays of at least two paragraphs. Elaborate your ideas with sufficient textual evidences. (25% each; 100% in total)

1. One of the more significant developments in the contemporary American novel has been the contribution by American ethnic writers. Discuss the intersection of gender, race, and class in the fictions of at least two American ethnic writers.
2. Write a short essay to demonstrate how both Emily Dickinson and Walt Whitman respond to Emerson's works, poetic theory and his call for a new poet.
3. With reference to two early American writers, discuss how they make their efforts to establish a "nativist" tradition in American literature.
4. American literature is permeated with explorations of the American dream, the idea of which existed in the national consciousness well before the phrase was first used. Which groups of people have or have had trouble attaining "The American Dream"? Why? Use at least two literary texts to support your ideas.