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※ 考生請注意：本試題 可 不可 使用計算機**Direction:**

Read, as carefully as you can, Robert Hayden's poem, "The Whipping." In a well-organized essay, discuss first, the main ideas that Hayden wants to communicate to his reader, and, then, the specific techniques he has deployed to communicate his thoughts.

Please be reminded that you need to develop your essay by making specific references to the poem itself. As you write, remember your essays will be graded based on whether you can offer perceptive analysis of the text, how well you organize and support your ideas, and, most importantly, if you have the ability to write clear, precise, and graceful English.

----- PART ONE (Essay One) -----

The Whipping

--by Robert Hayden

The old woman across the way
is whipping the boy again
and shouting to the neighborhood
her goodness and his wrongs.

Wildly he crashes through elephant ears,
pleads in dusty zinnias,
while she in spite of crippling fat
pursues and corners him.

She strikes and strikes the shrilling circling
boy till the sticks breaks
in her hand. His tears are rainy weather
to woundlike memories:

My hand gripped in bony vise
of knees, the writhing struggle
to wrench free, the blows, the fear
worse than blows that hateful

Words could bring, the face that I
no longer know or loved....
Well, it is over now, it is over,
and the body sobs in his room,

And the woman leans muttering against
a tree, exhausted, purged—
avenged in part for lifelong hidings
she has had to bear.