

Examination in Western Literature (duration: eighty minutes)

Do all the essay questions. Distribute your writing time, and use complete sentences to present your discussions.

1. What is the literary significance of Greek tragedy? Name any one you are familiar with, and try to analyze the structure of the play you mention.
2. Illustrate the most important differences between romance and epic though they share certain elements in common (supernatural phenomena, a hero who undergoes a series of trials, a feudal court).
3. What is Rousseau's fundamental doctrine concerning the nature of man? Is this concept related to the development of Romanticism?
4. What is the meaning of Goethe's Faust ?
5. Ibsen was a great innovator, who wrote a new kind of drama different from the traditional types. Try to discuss Ibsen's innovations in plot structure and characterization.