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注意!請於答案卷上作答,依序標明各大題及題號,請勿以潦草英文書寫。

I. Identify the text and author of each quotation. (10%) Sample question: Rage:

Sing; Goddess, Achilles' rage.

Sample answer: The *Iliad* by Homer

- Pygmalion observed how these women lived lives of sordid Indecency, and, dismayed by the numerous defects of character Nature had given the feminine spirit, stayed as a bachelor, having no female companion.
- 2. Chaos was born first and after it came Gaia the broad-breasted, the firm seat of all the immortals who hold the peaks of snowy Olympos.
- Midway along the journey of our life
 I woke to find myself in a dark wood,
 For I had wandered off from the straight path.
- 4. We'll force the Spartan husbands into peace:
 No cheating, quibbling, squabbling any more.
 But what about them lowlifes in your town?
 What'll you do so they won't run amok?
- 5. My children, Kreon. My sons.
 They're grown now. They won't need your help.
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 They'll find a way to live anywhere.
 But my poor wretched girls, who never
 Ate anywhere but at my table;
 they've never lived apart from me.
 I fed them with my own hands.

II. Explain or comment on SIX of the following terms: (30%)

- 1. Works and Days
- 2. Lucretian atomism
- 3. skene
- 4. The image of rainbow in Genesis 9.
- 5. catharsis
- 6. the olive tree in the house of Odysseus
- 7. the first murder
- 8. fornication in Confessions

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9. the golden race

10. epic conventions

- III. Answer THREE of the following essay questions. Your essay should be organized around a thesis statement. Each paragraph must support and develop its topic sentence. (60%)
 - 1. Compare and contrast Achilles, Odysseus, and Aeneas as epic heroes. What values do they uphold? How do they attain *kleos*?
 - 2. Discuss the representation and characterization of Helen, Clytemnestra, and Penelope.
 - 3. Explain the function of the shield of Achilles. What facets of life does it depict? How does it serve to intimidate?
 - 4. Discuss Medea as a socially and culturally marginalized heroine.
 - 5. Discuss the Aeneid in relation to Caesar Augustus.
 - 6. Discuss the *Book of Job* in relation to retribution theology.

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