

※ 注意：請於試卷內之「非選擇題作答區」標明題號依序作答。

Instructions: There are two questions, one argumentative and the other analytical. Your answers will be graded based on content, argument, depth, and organization. For Question 1, break your essay into three parts: an introduction with a clear thesis statement, the main comparative analysis in the corpus, and a conclusion. For Question 2, in one paragraph write a clear topic sentence followed by your analytical reading of this passage, which includes the central theme and rhetorical devices (imagery, rhythm, and other formal elements).

Question 1 (80%):

Race is primarily a social construct rather than a biological fact. Throughout history, the concept of race has been used to categorize and differentiate groups of people, often resulting in social hierarchies and systemic inequalities. The acclaimed American author Toni Morrison is well-known for exploring African American culture and history, particularly her commitment to highlighting the suffering caused by racial issues. Her works inquire into themes of identity, race, and the complexities of human experience. For analysis, consider one or two of her works, focusing on the themes, narrative techniques, and historical significance in her storytelling. Additionally, reflect on how Morrison challenges readers to confront the historical injustices that continue to shape contemporary society.

Question 2 (20%):

Wallace Stevens, "The Emperor of Ice-Cream" (1923)

Call the roller of big cigars,
The muscular one, and bid him whip
In kitchen cups concupiscent curds.
Let the wench dawdle in such dress
As they are used to wear, and let the boys
Bring flowers in last month's newspapers.
Let be be finale of seem.
The only emperor is the emperor of ice-cream.

Take from the dresser of deal,
Lacking the three glass knobs, that sheet
On which she embroidered fantails once
And spread it so as to cover her face.
If her horny feet protrude, they come
To show how cold she is, and dumb.
Let the lamp affix its beam.
The only emperor is the emperor of ice-cream.

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