



ENGLISH 207
FINAL EXAMINATION

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Time Allowed: Two Hours

PART ONE (40%): Choose TWO of the following quotations. In each case: (1) Identify the quotation. (2) Analyze its ideas and style. (3) Link it.

1. No! I am not Prince Hamlet, nor was meant to be;
Am an attendant lord, one that will do
To swell a progress, start a scene or two,
Advise the prince; no doubt, an easy tool,
Deferential, glad to be of use,
At times, indeed, almost ridiculous—
Almost, at times, the Fool.
2. "One evening coming in with a candle I was startled to hear him say a little tremulously, 'I am lying here in the dark waiting for death.' The light was within a foot of his eyes. . . . He cried in a whisper at some image, at some vision—he cried out twice, a cry that was no more than a breath:
" ' The horror! The horror!'"
3. Generous tears filled Gabriel's eyes. He had never felt like that himself towards any woman but he knew that such a feeling must be love. . . . His soul swooned slowly as he heard the snow falling faintly through the universe and faintly falling, like the descent of their last end, upon all the living and the dead.
4. Turning and turning in the widening gyre
The falcon cannot hear the falconer,
Things fall apart; the center cannot hold;
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
The ceremony of innocence is drowned.



PART TWO (60%): Choose ONE of the topics below and write a coherent, well-organized essay in good English. Make specific references to the chosen texts.

1. Explore the treatment of Nature in Wordsworth, Conrad, and any other author of your choice.
2. Discuss the concept of heroism in at least one nineteenth-century writer, and its breakdown in T.S. Eliot and Pinter.

