



**English 205
Final Exam
Time Allowed: 2 hours**

Answer question 1 and one other question:

1. Give a full critical analysis of the poem given below.

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow
Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.
From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,
Much pleasure; then from thee much more must flow,
And soonest our best men with thee do go,
Rest of their bones, and soul's delivery.¹
Thou art slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men,
And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell,
And poppy² or charms can make us sleep as well
And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then?³
One short sleep past, we wake eternally
And death shall be no more: Death, thou shalt die.

2. Discuss the contribution of the sonnet to English poetry up to 1700.
3. What do you understand to be the conflict between the Renaissance and Reformation?

