

2 Hours



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ENGLISH 205  
FINAL EXAM



**PART ONE: (30%)**

The following three quotations are from Donne, Milton and Dryden respectively. In each case: (1) Analyze the quotation. (2) Link one of its ideas or stylistic devices to another idea or stylistic device you have come across this semester.

1. My face in thine eye, thine in mine appears,  
And true plain hearts do in the faces rest;  
Where can we find two better hemispheres  
Without sharp north, without declining west ?
2. Better to reign in hell than serve in heaven.
3. Shemei, whose youth did early promise bring  
Of zeal to God and Hatred to his king;  
Did wisely from expensive sins refrain,  
And never broke the Sabbath but for gain.

**PART TWO: (70%)**

Choose TWO of the following topics. In each case, write an organized, well-developed essay. As often as you can, make specific references to the texts under discussion.

1. Compare and contrast the love poetry of John Donne with his religious poetry.
2. Trace the principles of neo-classicism in Dryden's Absalom and Achitophel.
3. Chaucer's knight and Beowulf are both examples of extreme human goodness. Compare and contrast them in depth.
4. Discuss Satan and the fallen angels in Paradise Lost as examples of human evil.
5. Choose a few of Shakespeare's sonnets that we read in class and discuss his use of imagery.
6. Explore the theme of overreaching in Marlowe's Doctor Faustus.

