

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

English 214
Final Exam

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Two Hours

Choose **Two** of the following essay questions and write for 60 minutes on each. You will be graded on the information you give, the quality of your English, and the organization of your essays.

1. The theme of isolation is a prominent and recurring one in Victorian literature. Explore this theme in any three of the following writers: Carlyle, Mill, Arnold, Pater, Shaw.
2. Discuss the treatment of evil in the works of three of the following authors: Browning, Pater, Wilde, Shaw.
3. The clash between science and religion dominates Tennyson's In Memoriam. Explore Tennyson's treatment of this theme in depth, then discuss at least two other works that treat this same problem.
4. In the Importance of Being Earnest, Wilde makes great fun of Victorian high-seriousness and of his own earlier works. Explain in detail how he does this.

Good Luck!