



ENGLISH 214
FINAL EXAMINATION

June 2004
TWO HOURS

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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, the organization of your essays, and above all the depth and comprehensiveness of your arguments.

1. The sacredness of married love is one of Browning's central themes. Explore this theme in his poetry, as well as in the poetry of Arnold and in Shaw's Mrs. Warren's Profession.
2. The Victorians on the whole believed in progress and were very optimistic. Explore this belief in any three Victorian writers of your choice.
3. Discuss fully and in depth the treatment of religious belief in Tennyson and Wilde. Bring in Carlyle and/or Pater if you wish.
4. Mill and Newman both confronted the rational intellect and had much to say about it. In a different way, so did Carlyle, Tennyson, Arnold and Shaw. Choose at least three of those writers and discuss their treatment of reason or the rational intellect.