

## HUL 231

### Introduction to Literature

#### Major Exam

This is an open book exam. You may consult your texts, but no other material, hand written or otherwise is allowed.

Total marks: 40

Each question is worth 10 marks.

1. Answer any one of the following questions.
  - a) What, according to you, is the dominant theme of T.S. Eliot's poem 'The Lovesong of J. Alfred Prufrock'?
  - b) Which one, of all the poems studied in class has struck you the most? Why? Give at least three poetic images from the poem to support your answer.
2. Answer any one of the following questions.
  - a) What is the most important element of a short story? Why? Which short story best illustrates your answer?
  - b) Of all the short stories studied in class, which ending did you find the most unsatisfying? Why? Suggest an alternative ending, keeping the unity of the story in mind.
3. Answer any one of the following questions.
  - a) What do you think of the ending of 'The Zoo Story'? Does it follow the logic of the play or is it a contradiction? Give textual evidence to support your answer.
  - b) Do you think 'The Zoo Story' is an apt title for the central concern of the play? Why/why not?
4. Answer any one of the following questions.
  - a) With the exception of Benare, who do you think is the most significant character in the play 'Silence! The Court is in Session!?' Why?
  - b) What is the significance of the 'play-within-the play' format of 'Silence! The Court is in Session!'?

All the best.

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