

2002 AP[®] ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION
FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

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25 Alien they seemed to be:
 No mortal eye could see
 The intimate welding of their later history,

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 Or sign that they were bent
 By paths coincident
30 On being anon twin halves of one august event,

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 Till the Spinner of the Years
 Said “Now!” And each one hears,
 And consummation comes, and jars two hemispheres.

—Thomas Hardy

¹ On the night of April 14, 1912, the British White Star liner Titanic, the largest ship afloat, collided with an iceberg and sank on her maiden voyage from Southampton to New York. Fifteen hundred of the 2,206 passengers lost their lives.

² Bright red. The salamander was supposed to be able to live in the midst of fire.

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