

Resit Exam SFE11018 spring 2019 **KEY**

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SECTION 1 (Short Answer): (30%)

Answer **6** of these questions, 1-4 sentences per answer.

I have provided notes for the answers (indicative, not exhaustive), however, student responses should be in sentences and show they understand what they are writing.

1. What is the meter of this poem, and what effect does the meter have on the poem? (Only the first stanza is provided here.)

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Tetrameter. Provides movement and a buoyant mood.

2. Who wrote the poem that begins like this, and what other texts on the syllabus did he write?

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date...

William Shakespeare. Othello and sonnets.

3. What is the role of the skinhead in the poem "v"?

Poet's alter-ego. (answer should also show an understanding of the poem)

4. What is the significance of fire in *Arcadia*?

Several things: Thomasina dies in the fire at the end, also a symbol of love and death.

5. Who were the Tudors and why were they famous?

Most important are Henry VIII and Elizabeth I Should show a knowledge of what they are famous for (wives, Reformation, Elizabethan culture, empire...)

6. By 1076, French had become the dominant courtly and legal language in the UK. Why?

Norman invasion

7. Describe and explain the significance of the various parts of the Union Jack.
England, Scotland, Ireland. Should display some awareness of their historical connections.
8. Name the current prime minister and explain briefly how she came to power.
Theresa May, Brexit.

SECTION 2 (Literature Essay): (35%)

Write an essay on **ONE** of the topics below. The essay does not need to be a certain length, but must develop your points sufficiently to make your argument. **REMEMBER:** Define your terms; a strong thesis should guide your work; the parts of an essay are important; and examples always help.

1. In several Modernist texts, a ‘party’ plays an important role. With reference to both style and themes, discuss the significance of the party in any two of these texts: *Mrs Dalloway*, “The Garden Party”, “The Dead”, or “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock”
2. Write an essay in which you explain some literary techniques Jonathan Swift uses in “A Modest Proposal”, and make an argument for the one you consider to be the most significant. Your essay should display some knowledge of the historical context. You may refer to the provided extract, but should also show awareness of the work as a whole.

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An effective essay will need to have an introduction and conclusion, and make a clear argument. Language and grammar are important. It must answer the question. It is also important to display correct knowledge of the texts and their contexts.

Extract from “A Modest Proposal” by Jonathan Swift

I shall now therefore humbly propose my own thoughts, which I hope will not be liable to the least objection.

I have been assured by a very knowing American of my acquaintance in London, that a young healthy child well nursed, is, at a year old, a most delicious nourishing and wholesome food, whether stewed, roasted, baked, or boiled; and I make no doubt that it will equally serve in a *fricasie*, or a *ragoust*.

I do therefore humbly offer it to public consideration, that of the hundred and twenty thousand children, already computed, twenty thousand may be reserved for breed, whereof only one fourth part to be males; which is more than we allow to sheep, black cattle, or swine, and my reason is, that these children are seldom the fruits of marriage, a circumstance not much regarded by our savages, therefore, one male will be sufficient to serve four females. That the remaining hundred thousand may, at a year old, be offered in sale to the persons of quality and fortune, through the kingdom, always advising the mother to let them suck plentifully in the last month, so as to render them plump, and fat for a good table. A child will make two dishes at an entertainment for friends, and when 70 the family dines alone, the fore or hind quarter will make a reasonable dish, and seasoned with a little pepper or salt, will be very good boiled on the fourth day, especially in winter.

I have reckoned upon a medium, that a child just born will weigh 12 pounds, and in a solar year, if tolerably nursed, increases to 28 pounds.

I grant this food will be somewhat dear, and therefore very proper for landlords, who, as they have already devoured most of the parents, seem to have the best title to the children.

SECTION 3 (Civilization Essay): (35%)

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1. Discuss the rise and fall of the British Empire and the effect it has had on British identity.
2. In your opinion, who is the most significant political figure in British history? How did they change Britain and how are those changes still felt today?