

國立暨南國際大學外國語文學系
97 學年度碩士班研究生入學甄試(文學組) 試題

考試科目：英文寫作(文學作品評論)

Write a 400-700 word essay on the following two poems. The essay should have two main parts: a comparison of the poems and an evaluation of the poems. Your comparison can include things like the content of the two poems, the technique of the two poems, the meaning of the poems and the aesthetic effects of the two poems. Your evaluation should discuss which is the stronger poem and which is the weaker poem, or if you prefer, which is the better poem and which is the worse poem. You must say why. Your reasons for your evaluation may be personal but must be explicit, consistent, and not arbitrary. In your writing, make sure to write in complete sentences, quote from the poems where useful or necessary, and use paragraphs. Grading for the essay will be based on the following percentages: comparison, 40%; evaluation 40%; writing mechanics (appropriate, punctuation, sentences, quotes, and paragraphs) 20%

Snow falling and night falling fast, oh, fast
In a field I looked into going past,
And the ground almost covered smooth in snow,
But a few weeds and stubble showing last.

The woods around it have it--it is theirs.
All animals are smothered in their lairs.
I am too absent-spirited to count;
The loneliness includes me unawares.

And lonely as it is that loneliness
Will be more lonely ere it will be less--
A blanker whiteness of benighted snow
With no expression, nothing to express.

They cannot scare me with their empty spaces
Between stars--on stars where no human race is.
I have it in me so much nearer home
To scare myself with my own desert places.

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.