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99 學年度碩士班入學甄試試題

考試科目：英文寫作（文學作品評論）

Write a 400-700 word essay on the two poems on the attached sheet. 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%

I.

The street sounds to the soldiers' tread,
And out we troop to see:
A single redcoat turns his head,
He turns and looks at me.
My man, from sky to sky's so far,
We never crossed before;
Such leagues apart the world's ends are,
We 're like to meet no more;
What thoughts at heart have you and I
We cannot stop to tell;
But dead or living, drunk or dry,
Soldier, I wish you well.

II.

A line in long array, where they wind betwixt green islands;
They take a serpentine course—their arms flash in the sun—Hark to the musical
clank;
Behold the silvery river—in it the splashing horses, loitering, stop to drink;
Behold the brown-faced men—each group, each person, a picture—the negligent rest
on the saddles;
Some emerge on the opposite bank—others are just entering the ford—while,
Scarlet, and blue, and snowy white,
The guidon flags flutter gaily in the wind.

* guidon was a kind of flag used by the United States calvary (soldiers riding horses)