

1997 ENGLISH LITERATURE

Question 3 (Suggested time—40 minutes. This question counts as one-third of the total essay section score.)

Novels and plays often include scenes of weddings, funerals, parties, and other social occasions. Such scenes may reveal the values of the characters and the society in which they live. Select a novel or play that includes such a scene and, in a focused essay, discuss the contribution the scene makes to the meaning of the work as a whole. You may choose a work from the list below or another novel or play of literary merit.

The Age of Innocence

The Awakening

The Birthday Party

Bless Me, Ultima

Ceremony

The Color Purple

Daisy Miller

The Dead

Delta Wedding

Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant

The Glass Menagerie

The Great Gatsby

Hamlet

Invisible Man

Jane Eyre

Julius Caesar

The Joy Luck Club

The Member of the Wedding

Mrs. Dalloway

Much Ado About Nothing

Our Town

Pnin

Pride and Prejudice

Romeo and Juliet

The Shipping News

The Sound and the Fury

Sula

Things Fall Apart

Wuthering Heights