



Høgskolen i Telemark

**AVSLUTTENDE EKSAMEN**

**2002 - 002: BRITISH LITERATURE AND CULTURE 1600–1950**

**11.05.2009**

Tid: 9.00–13.00

Målform: Engelsk

Sidetal:

Hjelpemiddel: Godkjent engelsk-engelsk ordbok

Merknader:

Vedlegg:

**Eksamensresultata blir offentliggjort på nettet, via Arena høgskole. Passordet til Arena har alle studenter fått i eget brev ved semesterstart.**

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ESSAY TOPICS:

**EITHER**

1. William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*

After more than four hundred years, Shakespeare's tragedy is still widely read and performed. How would you explain the timeless appeal of this play?

Please consider AT LEAST TWO of the following aspects:

- a) The character of Hamlet.  
What makes him interesting as a character?
- b) Other characters.  
Who is the second most interesting character and why?
- c) The action of the play.  
Which scene or passage do you find most memorable and why?
- d) The theme(s).  
Which theme contributes most to the play's timeless appeal?

**OR**

2. Charlotte Brontë, *Jane Eyre*

According to *The Women of England: Their Social Duties and Domestic Habits* (1839) by Sarah Stickney Ellis, a woman's life should be devoted to "doing good to others". Is this also how you would describe the life of Jane Eyre? Why? Why not?

**OR**

3. William Blake, "The Sick Rose"

Give an interpretation of William Blake's poem, "The Sick Rose".

(Text provided p. 3).

William Blake:

"The Sick Rose"

O Rose, thou art sick.  
The invisible worm  
That flies in the night  
In the howling storm

Has found out thy bed  
Of crimson joy,  
And his dark secret love  
Does thy life destroy.