

**National Taiwan University**  
**Graduate Institute of Foreign Languages and Literatures**  
**2016 PhD Program Admissions Examination**  
**Subject: English Literature (60%)**

\*Answer the question below to show your knowledge of and insight into English literature. Manage your time well.

One leading English Department in the U.S. has the following design for its curricula: Medieval and Early Modern Literatures and Cultures, Enlightenment and the Rise of National Literatures and Cultures, Modern and Contemporary Literatures and Cultures. In a well-written and well-supported essay,

- (1) comment on the strength and limitation of such a scheme in contrast to an alternative design of periods/areas of study; and
- (2) discuss how current issues of literary/cultural studies should affect the research of English literature and how these issues may converge within different periods/areas of study.