

**National Taiwan University**  
**Graduate Institute of Foreign Languages and Literatures**  
**2021 PhD Program Admissions Examination**  
**Subject: English Literature (60%)**

Please choose ONE between the following two questions and answer in a clearly written essay, with specific examples to support your argument. You need to show your knowledge of and insight into English literature, in terms of scope and depth. Please manage your time.

1. Covid-19 Pandemic has prompted discussions concerning the impacts of epidemics on all human endeavours. Please investigate at least one literary work to exemplify your critical reflections on this topic and set your response in a larger framework, such as natural theology, environmental humanities, biopolitics, etc.
  
2. Considering the recent tendency to broaden the scope of conventional periodization and foci, such as the Global Medieval, the Global Shakespeare, the Global 18<sup>th</sup> Century, the Global Gothic, etc., some scholars argue this trend has disrupted literary studies in a fundamental way. Choose one or two literary works and demonstrate how an enlarged perspective has changed our reading of literature.