

SUGGESTED ANSWER FOR FINAL EXAM OF BRITISH-AMERICAN LITERATURE

1. How is the beauty of Nature in *Stopping by woods on a snowy evening* of Robert Frost similar and different to that of *Daffodils*?

	Similarities	Differences
<i>Daffodils</i>	1. There is a connection between human and nature (0.5 mark) 2. Nature functions as the ground for the writer to retrieve the memory (0.5 mark)	1. Nature in spring → Warm and cozy 2. Nature is beautiful, energetic, joyous (tossing their head, dancing...) 3. Nature uplifts human souls (<i>For oft, in couch I lie....</i>) (1 mark)
<i>Stopping by woods on a snowy evening</i>		1. Nature in Winter → Cold and isolated 2. Nature is dark, deep, mysterious 3. Nature is powerful temptation that convinces our speaker to forget about civilization (1 mark)

2. What is the description of Death from Emily Dickinson's viewpoint? What is her attitude towards Death?
- Death personified in the form of a gentleman. He arrives in a carriage with Immortality to take the author to her grave. (0.5 mark)
 - Like any gentleman caller of the time, Death is formal and polite, with the author noting "his civility." (0.5 mark)
 - The calm lyricism of the poem and the personification of Death alludes to Dickinson's comfort with the subject; she seems to regard death as a shift in perspective, rather than a total departure. (0.5 mark)
 - The very last stanza demonstrates that Dickinson regards death as eternity, rather than a final end.
 → Death in this poem is not something to be feared, but should be greeted like a familiar face. (0.5 mark)
3. Explain why James Joyce links the character Little Chandler with the image of "A little cloud." What is the writer's emphasis? (3 marks)
- A little cloud represents a portrait of Little Chandler with:
- His personality and appearance (1 mark)
 - His desire to become a famous writer but in reality he could not advance his career (1 mark)
 - The situation of his family: with his wife and the child (1 mark)

4. In what way are Della and Jim considered wise people in *The Gift of Magi*? (2 marks)

Della and Jim are considered wise people because of:

-Their sacrifice toward each other for the exchange of gifts (1 mark)

-Their love toward each other against the situation of poor living condition (1 mark)