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所別:<u>英美語文學系碩士班 不分組(一般生)</u> 科目:<u>英美文學與理論 共_/</u>頁 第<u>/</u>頁 本科考試禁用計算器 *請在答案卷(卡)內作答

Answer BOTH questions. Each question is worth Fifty Percent.

First Question:

"Then I went back into the house and wrote. It is midnight. The rain is beating on the windows. It was not midnight. It was not raining." Samuel Beckett, *Molloy*.

What does Beckett mean? I mean they said after James Joyce there was nothing left to be said and then Beckett said it. What does that mean? How does that make you feel? 50%

Second Question: This is a poem by the American poet James Tate.

Overheard on the Driving Range

"Did you ever meet Old Anthony Now-Now?"
"Yes, I'm proud to say I did have the good fortune
to meet Old Antony Now-Now. Even in his dotage he could
sew a button on a jet plane."

"And he was a wonderful kisser. One night at a party he asked me what was the most times I had ever been kissed. I told him the Father of French Surgery had once kissed me Two hundred and seventy-six times in an evening and Old Anthony, after asking my approval, proceeded to kiss me Two hundred and seventy-five times, stopping, he said, so as not to be disrespectful. Fine kisses they were, too." "The Little Man of Twickenham kissed me for seven hours straight once and we barely took a breath in all that time. They were once in a lifetime kisses I'll never forget." "Did I mention The Discrowned Glutton?"

"Not today."

"Now, there was a poor kisser."

"I think we'd both agree that nobody can compare with The Illustrious Conqueror of Common Sense. He only kissed Me once but it was as if a bird of paradise shot through My whole body and I woke more alive than I've ever been." "Oh yes, even better than the Bee-Lipped Oracle!"

What do you think of this poem? What's the best part? 50%