

**NEW YORK CITY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY**  
**ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION**  
**ENG 1121 – FORM A**

**YOU MAY USE A DICTIONARY. ALLOW TIME FOR RE-READING AND CORRECTION.**

Suggested Time: 1 Hour and 15 Minutes

**DIRECTIONS:** Write a 500-700-word essay on **one** of the following topics. Choose your topic carefully. Before you begin to write, take time to think through your approach. It might be helpful to make a rough outline or a list of points you want to cover. Remember to pay close attention to organization of ideas, paragraphing, transitions, sentence structure, and spelling. Your essay should be clearly structured with an introduction, body, conclusion, and title.

1. Family can be a source of support, encouragement, love and acceptance, but sometimes conflicts within families create stress, pain, and sadness. Discuss your family dynamics as well as those in two works you have read this semester to show that family conflicts can be the most difficult to bear.
  
2. Tyrants come in all shapes and sizes. They can be political leaders, tyrannical bosses. They can be schoolyard bullies that terrorize other classmates; they can even be professional football players. Discuss the tyrants and bullies you have encountered in your own experiences and in two works you have read this semester.
  
3. Even in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, women can be seen as less intelligent or less resourceful than they actually are. Discuss the perceptions of women that you have encountered in your experiences and in two works that you have read this semester. Discuss the accuracy of those perceptions and draw conclusions about how we and society should think about the talents and abilities of women.

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1. We are a society concerned with technology and its effects on our lives, but technology need not be cutting-edge to have an impact. Consider two texts you have read this semester, and discuss the extent to which some form of technology influenced the characters or outcome of the text. You might also include your own views on technologies as you construct your essay.
  
2. Whether on a small, epic, or somewhere in between, quests are often driving forces in literature and in life. Discuss two quests that you have read this semester and reflect on their success. You might consider your own quests and those of people you know as you construct your essay.
  
3. Deception often creates intrigue. Discuss two instances of deception in your reading this semester, and reflect on how much information the writer gave you concerning the deception. Were you included from knowing about the deception in advance? How was your reading experience impacted from this inclusion or withholding of information? You might also consider your own experiences with deception as you build your essay.