

## **Instructions: English and American Literature**

The goal of the examination is to demonstrate that students have mastered a sufficient amount of knowledge related to English/ American literature and also to literary theory. Students will be also expected to show that they are capable of independent and critical thinking. Candidates are supposed to provide a brief historical, social and cultural background that is related to the topic.

At the same time, the candidate is supposed to show an in-depth knowledge of literary period/ movement within which the literary work is set. Moreover, the candidate is expected to apply typical features of literary movement / period to the literary work which is analysed.

**The discussion about one of the books that are part of compulsory reading (both English as well as American literature) will focus on these points (not necessarily in this order):**

- brief biographical information about the author,
- distinct features of the author's style,
- the genre of the text,
- the relationship of the text to the literary movement of its time,
- the main ideas /political, religious, etc. discussed in the text,
- historical or other events to which a text refers,
- places, objects, or other texts referred to in a text – either directly or indirectly.

The candidate is not expected to discuss, e.g., the plot of respective works – instead, they are supposed to discuss the questions that are stated.