

English 416

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Part 1. Short Answers. 50–100 words each (1/2 a page each). 25 points.

1. What are the generic characteristics of a romance?
2. What are the major critical issues concerning *The Knight's Prologue* and *Tale*?
3. What are the two major manuscripts of *The Canterbury Tales*? When were they written? Where? Where are they now?

Part 2. Essays. 400–500 words each (2 to 3 pages each). 75 points.

1. Describe the character of the Host. Give examples for each one of your observations.
2. Is there a unity to *The Canterbury Tales*? An overarching theme or idea? If so, what is it? If not, what most prevents the unity? Use lots and lots of examples to support your claims.
3. Compare the *Physician's Tale* to *The Franklin's Tale*. Should Virginia have followed the law? Should Dorigen have broken her word? Use lots of examples to support your opinion.



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