

SUMMER TERM TEST IN ENGLISH FOR 2nd YEAR STUDENTS OF ARTS

A. Consider the following excerpt:

'It's not safe for a gentleman to be walking along these streets at night,' said the policeman.

Lord Arthur thanked him and walked on. He saw another beggar. He put a coin in the old man's hand. This man was poor. Lord Arthur was rich. Was it this man's fortune to be poor? Was it Lord Arthur's fortune to be rich? Was a man's future written in his hand? Could Mr Podgers read that future?

Answer the following questions:

- a) *The policeman, the beggar and the wealthy gentleman* are quite vivid characters in this tiny fragment. Each one of them stands for some *allegorical role*. Can you comment on each one's *symbolical function* in this *satirical story*?
- b) Mr Podgers proves to be a pathetic impostor. What is the actual *moral meaning* of the way in which he dies? **(4 points)**

B. Turn the following sentences *from active into passive or vice versa*:

1. She hates being followed by fans everywhere.
2. They believe he has left the country.
3. He had his house broken into.
4. Don't let her mock you.
5. Who assassinated President John F. Kennedy? **(5 points)**

Nota bene: all topics are mandatory.

Please answer questions a) and b) in full complex sentences of your own, with the required arguments.