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- I. Please read carefully the descriptions in the following questions and answer how the literary schemes function and what the passages are about.
1. A beast fable is a story in which animals talk and act like the human types they represent. I'm sure you've already read a lot of beast fables in your childhood, such as those written by Aesop or Hans Christian Andersen. Briefly describe a beast fable and the moral in it. (10%)
 2. Satire is a literary scheme of making ridiculous an individual, a type of person, or even an institution. Please apply this concept to your interpretation of the passage as follows:
Raymond Burr is an actor, impersonating a lawyer, who in front of a jury becomes an actor. Me, I'm a former actor who became a lawyer. They've done a pilot film of a TV series, in fact, based loosely on my career, starring my friend Manny Di Presso, a one-time lawyer who quit his firm to become an actor. (15%)
 3. In a first-person narrative, the narrator speaks as "I," and is himself a character in the story. Please analyze the following passage in terms of the point of view of the story.
This blind man, an old friend of my wife's, he was on his way to spend the night...He was no one I knew. And his being blind bothered me. My idea of blindness came from the movies. In the movies, they had never laughed.
Sometimes they were led by seeing-eye dogs. A blind man in my house was not something I looked forward to. (15%)
- II. Please interpret the following passages in terms of the images, symbols, rhyming schemes, or whatever literary devices you may find in them.
1. Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.
They do not fear the men beneath the tree:
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty. (10%)
 2. Her appearance is incongruous to this setting. She is daintily dressed in a white suit with a fluffy bodice, necklace and earrings of pearl, white gloves and hat, looking as if she were arriving at summer tea or cocktail

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- party in the garden district... Her delicate beauty must avoid a strong light. There is something about her uncertain manner, as well as her white clothes. They suggest a moth. (20%)
3. By the road to the contagious hospital
under the serge of the blue
mottled clouds driven from the
northeast---a cold wind. Beyond, the
waste of broad, muddy fields
brown with dried weeds, standing and fallen
- patches of standing water
the scattering of tall trees (15%)
4. There was no town, nothing but the rails and the
burned-over country. The thirteen saloons that had lined
the one street of Seney had not left a trace. The foundation
of the Mansion House hotel stuck up above the ground.
The stone was chipped and split by the fire. It was all that
was left of the town of Seney. Even the surface had been
burned off the ground. (15%)

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