

2006 NTU Master's Program Admission Examination  
Subject: American Literature

*Instruction:* Read the following questions carefully. Do not answer more questions than required. Write your answers in legible English.

I. Write no more than three sentences each on TEN (10) of the following: 30%

- a. Captain Ahab
- b. *The House of the Seven Gables*
- c. Samuel Clemens
- d. "The Raven"
- e. Winterbourne
- f. Natty Bumppo
- g. "The Open Boat" and "The Bride Comes to Yellow Sky"
- h. J. Alfred Prufrock
- i. *Long Day's Journey into Night*
- j. John Updike
- k. *A Streetcar Named Desire*
- l. Willy Loman

II. Discuss with ample illustration the strategy and the philosophy of two early American writers in their effort to establish a 'nativist' tradition in American literature. 50%

III. Discuss the legitimacy of studying American literature in an increasingly commodity-driven economy of Taiwan. 20%