

COMPONENT B

The University of the State of New York

COMPONENT RETEST

IN

ENGLISH

COMPONENT B MODULE 4

Monday, April 29, 2002 — 9:00 to 9:50 a.m., only

In the middle of this test booklet you will find the answer booklet for your response. Slowly and carefully tear out the answer booklet. Then fill in the heading of your answer booklet. For this session of the examination you are to write a response, as directed.

When you have completed the examination, you must sign the statement printed on your answer booklet, indicating that you had no unlawful knowledge of the questions or answers prior to the examination and that you have neither given nor received assistance in answering any of the questions during the examination. Your answer booklet cannot be accepted if you fail to sign this declaration.

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Your Task: Write a critical essay in which you discuss *one* work of literature you have read from the particular perspective of the statement provided for you in the **Critical Lens**. In your essay, provide a valid interpretation of the statement, agree or disagree with the statement as you have interpreted it, and support your opinion using specific references to appropriate literary elements from the literary work you have selected. **You only need submit a first draft of the essay.** Write your response in the space provided in your answer booklet.

Critical Lens:

“Books are the carriers of civilization.” Barbara Tuchman

Guidelines:

Be sure to:

- Provide a valid interpretation of the critical lens that clearly establishes the criteria for analysis.
- Indicate whether you agree **or** disagree with the statement as you have interpreted it.
- Choose **one** work you have read that you believe best supports your opinion.
- Use the criteria suggested by the critical lens to analyze the work you have chosen.
- Avoid plot summary. Instead, use specific references to appropriate literary elements (for example, theme, characterization, setting, point of view) to develop your analysis.
- Organize your ideas in a unified and coherent manner.
- Specify the title and author of the literary work you have chosen.
- Follow the conventions of standard written English.

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Write your response here.
