EXAMEN DE FIN D'ÉTUDES SECONDAIRES – Sessions 2024 QUESTIONNAIRE Date: 05.06.24 Horaire: 14:15 - 16:45 Durée: 150 minutes CA / CA-LLCO / CA-MALA / CA-MALF / CA-MAT / ANGLA écrit Section(s): Discipline: Type: **TXCON** CA-MATT / CA-PSYA / CA-PSYF Numéro du candidat :

PART A: GUIDED COMPREHENSION (30 marks)

Read this extract from <u>Macbeth</u> and answer the questions below:

MALCOLM

With this, there grows
In my most ill-composed affection such
A stanchless avarice that, were I king,
I should cut off the nobles for their lands,
Desire his jewels, and this other's house;
And my more-having would be as a sauce
To make me hunger more, that I should forge
Quarrels unjust against the good and loyal,
Destroying them for wealth.

MACDUFF

This avarice
Sticks deeper, grows with more pernicious root
Than summer-seeming lust, and it hath been
The sword of our slain kings. Yet do not fear.
Scotland hath foisons to fill up your will
Of your mere own. All these are portable,
With other graces weighed.

MALCOLM

But I have none. The king-becoming graces,
As justice, verity, temp'rance, stableness,
Bounty, perseverance, mercy, lowliness,
Devotion, patience, courage, fortitude,
I have no relish of them but abound
In the division of each several crime,
Acting it many ways. Nay, had I power, I should
Pour the sweet milk of concord into hell,
Uproar the universal peace, confound
All unity on earth.

MACDUFF

O Scotland, Scotland!

MALCOLM

If such a one be fit to govern, speak. I am as I have spoken.

MACDUFF

Fit to govern?
No, not to live.—O nation miserable,
With an untitled tyrant bloody-sceptered,
When shalt thou see thy wholesome days again,
Since that the truest issue of thy throne
By his own interdiction stands accursed
And does blaspheme his breed?—Thy royal father
Was a most sainted king. The queen that bore thee,
Oft'ner upon her knees than on her feet,
Died every day she lived. Fare thee well.
These evils thou repeat'st upon thyself
Hath banished me from Scotland.—O my breast,
Thy hope ends here!

Comprehension questions:

- 1. Situate the excerpt. (4 m)
- 2. How does Malcolm present himself to Macduff? (12 m)
- 3. Explore the imagery of 'pour[ing] the sweet milk of concord into hell' as used by Malcolm. How has the milk metaphor been a recurrent image in the play? (6 m)
- 4. How does Macduff's attitude towards Malcolm change in this passage? (8 m)

PART B: Development Essay (30 marks)

Answer ONE of these two questions on The Handmaid's Tale.

Your answer should be well-structured and contain between 300 and 400 words. Please indicate the number of words used. (Do not include quotations in your word count.)

Either

1) Analyze the ways in which language is used as a tool of oppression and resistance in *The Handmaid's Tale*.

Or

2) Is Atwood's novel ultimately a feminist work of literature, or does it offer a critique of feminism?