

#### **Section IV- Short Answer (Essay Section) 40 pts.**

Select **ONE** of the **5** essay questions listed below and respond to the question in **400-500 words**. Please use examples from the text to support your answer. Your essay should be written in the proper *MLA* format. **\*Upon completion, please submit ONLY \* the essay portion \* of your exam to the drop box labeled SHORT ANSWER ESSAY on E360 in our course shell.**

1. What role does **gender play** in the story and in Gregor's experience? Compare and contrast the roles of the female characters—Grete, the mother—and the male characters—the father, the general manager, the lodger. Discuss how the ending supports or undoes the observations you make about gender in the novella.
2. Discuss the depiction of physical bodies in the story “This way for the Gas, Ladies and Gentlemen,” by **comparing and contrasting** two passages that use the imagery of physical bodies. How and why is a reader's attention drawn to both individual bodies and masses of bodies?
3. James Baldwin concludes his essay by arguing that to overcome prejudice, “one would have to hold in the mind forever two ideas which seemed to be in opposition” (742). What **are those** two opposed ideas? Discuss Baldwin's suggestion. What does it (*what would this*) look like in practice?
4. *What does the “perforated sheet” symbolize? Use evidence from the story to support your argument.*
5. Analyze a selection from one of the following poets: *Rainer Maria Rilke, Anna Akhmatova, or Pablo Neruda*. Discuss the major themes of the work and show how the poet achieved the portrayal of those specific theme/s. How did the poet's environment impact their perspective? Are poets the product of their times? Please use examples from the text to support your answers.