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The essay is not flawless, especially when it claims that the personification lends human characteristics to the wives waking the eyes, but that hardly matters when the writing is so interesting as that. The perception of how the imagery poems serves to dehumanize the characters is particularly fine, and the exceptional power and elegance of the whole last paragraph with its climatic cadence (a miserable series of dead black years . . . full of sadness, misery and regret) is perhaps even more impressive. Example F (Score 6): This essay begins well by contextualizing marriage in the poem (when marriage was forever and both partners suffered) and arguing that in modern love all this could have been prevented. Although it is debatable that Meredith in 1862 regarded modern love as a love without regrets and poison, this essay still makes a compelling case for such contrast and remains well focused on it. The essay sums up the marital impasse in the poem, noting well how the effect of gaping snakes for the man is caused by the tears of women, in a style that is well controlled despite some errors (brake, each). Nevertheless, the attention to detail of the essays is limited: the idea that the couple did not have the sword that all (i.e. divorce) is unconvincing, and few others in the essay offer a closer or more in-depth analysis. The conclusion of this five-paragraph essay merely repeats, less effectively, the good argument put forward at the beginning, that merediths view of modern love is a silent rebellion to eternal marriage. Sample K (note 5): This essay demonstrates a correct but widespread understanding of the marital relationship in the poem, highlighting the inability of husbands to share in the pain of his wives, his perception of small gaping snakes like his evil wifes, and his role as one who continues to look at his past. Clearly responding to the invitation, the essay mentions the use of poems simile, imagery and personification, and simply concludes that modern love is empty and full of regrets. The essay remains superficial in its inability to develop detailed, fully precise and insightful interpretations of either character of the poem with meaning, and inability to discuss with depth the poems. AP LITERATURE ENGLAND 2003 NOTATION COMMENTARY (Form B) Copyright 2003 by College Entrance Examination Board. All rights reserved. Available at apcentral.collegeboard.com. 3 Question 2 Joyce Carol Oatess We Were the Mulvaneys Sample VV (Score 9): This exceptionally well-targeted and unified essay develops the idea that first-person oatess requires the reader to infer the Judds character, which the test then proceeds to do in a richly detailed manner. Based on one detail after another, Judd is very observant, practical, responsible, knowledgeable (about tree cycles), cautious (on the passing truck), and down to earth like his father. Cleverly, this description leads to the transient recognition of the third paragraph. It is this maturity that allows him to achieve his own mortality. As Judds' state of mind analysis deepens and darkens, the essay draws attention to all the hyphens of the Oatess devices, the interjector expressions, capitalization, rhythm, repetition and variation used to generate Judds' state of mind. Each paragraph expands and deepens the analysis. Returning to a point mentioned in the introduction (which Judd reflects on his own character), the essay argues that Judd judges himself and that an even better point uses the third person as a distancing device, an abstraction of self that he must then destroy in order to cope with his own mortality. 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