



**English Written Exam Sample Questions Undergraduate Degree Program
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The English Written Exam consists of 2 questions. You will be given a total of 30 minutes to respond to each question. Your response must be at least 1500 characters and no longer than 2500 characters (including spaces) for each answer, and should be comprehensive. Sample Questions:

1) What do you think Carlo Petrini actually means when he says that our food should be “Good, Clean, and Fair”? Discuss these three notions as they relate to the different dimensions in which food is involved (nutritional, cultural, social, political, economic, environmental, juridical...).

2) Please comment on the passage below. The pleasure of eating should be an extensive pleasure, not that of the mere gourmet. People who know the garden in which their vegetables have grown and know that the garden is healthy and remember the beauty of the growing plants, perhaps in the dewy first light of morning when gardens are at their best. Such a memory involves itself with the food and is one of the pleasures of eating. The knowledge of the good health of the garden relieves, frees, and comforts the eater. The same goes for eating meat. The thought of good pasture, and of the calf contentedly grazing, flavors the steak. Some, I know, will think of it as bloodthirsty or worse to eat a fellow creature you have known all its life. On the contrary, I think it means that you eat with understanding and with gratitude. A significant part of the pleasure of eating is in one's accurate consciousness of the lives and the world from which food comes. The pleasure of eating, then, may be the best available standard of our health. And this pleasure, I think, is pretty fully available to the urban consumer who will make the necessary effort.

Wendell Berry, *Bringing it to the table. On Farming and Food*, Counterpoint Berkeley, 2009, 233.