

### Question 3

(Suggested time — 40 minutes. This question counts as one-third of the total essay section score.)

One definition of madness is “mental delusion or the eccentric behavior arising from it.” But Emily Dickinson wrote

Much madness is divinest Sense—  
To a discerning Eye—

Novelists and playwrights have often seen madness with a “discerning Eye.” Select a novel or play in which a character’s apparent madness or irrational behavior plays an important role. Then write a well-organized essay in which you explain what this delusion or eccentric behavior consists of and how it might be judged reasonable. Explain the significance of the “madness” to the work as a whole. Do not merely summarize the plot.

You may select a work from the list below or choose another novel or play of literary merit.

*As I Lay Dying*

*Beloved*

*Catch-22*

*The Catcher in the Rye*

*Ceremony*

*Coming Through Slaughter*

*Crime and Punishment*

*Dancing at Lughnasa*

*Don Quixote*

*An Enemy of the People*

*Equus*

*The Father*

*Going After Cacciato*

*Great Expectations*

*Gulliver’s Travels*

*Heart of Darkness*

*Invisible Man*

*King Lear*

*Medea*

*Moby-Dick*

*Native Son*

*Of Mice and Men*

*One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*

*Pale Fire*

*The Sound and the Fury*

*A Streetcar Named Desire*

*Waiting for Godot*

*Wuthering Heights*

*The Zoo Story*

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