

### Final Exam

1. Wilkie Collins's The Moonstone was published in England in 1868. To situate the novel in its context, write a brief description of England in the last half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Give examples of political figures, writers, artists, and composers who were prominent at that time. (5 points)
2. According to T.S. Eliot, The Moonstone is "the first, the longest and the best of modern English detective novels." Comment on this statement. (5 points)
3. In The Moonstone the reader is given all the clues necessary to deduce that Franklin stole the jewel. What are these clues? Why is it so difficult for the reader to solve the mystery? (5 points)
4. Write sentences using the following words and expressions in context:  
Swallow, to be dead against, smear, bestow, perusal, dusky, hollow, rash, redeem, to be at stake, dim, to take down a peg, fortnight, startle, nap, to be off, tunes, tackle, drawer, fee, weed (5 points)