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BRIT LIT  
Middle English Test  
*Volume 2*

MEMORIZATION: (45 pts)

*Orally deliver to your instructor the following selections:*

First four lines of *Beowulf* in Anglo Saxon \_\_\_\_\_ / 15

Selection from *Beowulf* in modern English \_\_\_\_\_ / 15

Beginning of *The Canterbury Tales* in Middle English \_\_\_\_\_ / 15

POETRY: (15 pts)

*In the following line, place a star over the caesura, underline the stressed syllables, and highlight or circle the alliteration. Then determine if it is correct Anglo Saxon form.*

1. Until the lightning            lit the night

Correct? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Are the following lines iambic pentameter? Circle the correct answer*

2. The handle on the car was awfully rackety

*yes            no*

3. Because the cat decided to get sick

*yes            no*

4. Endless streams of honking, angry geese

*yes            no*

5. I just can't decide whether to eat that

*yes            no*

ESSAY: (40 pts)

*On a separate sheet of paper, write an essay of **400-500 words** discussing the following question. Make sure that you include specific details from the text and demonstrate engagement with the material and original thought.*

Discuss the character of Merlin in the different stories you have read, comparing the Merlin in *That Hideous Strength* to some of the earlier legends. What are some of the similarities between Lewis and the other stories and what are some differences? What about his magic? How does that compare to both Geoffrey and Malory?