



THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Instructions

for the Reading List Comprehensive Exam

1. On the cover of each bluebook provide the following information:
 - a. Your identification number. **Do not put your name on the bluebooks!**
 - b. The number of the List you are signed up for and the number of the question from that list that you are answering, e.g., I-1, I-2, II-1 etc.
 - c. Day 1 or Day 2
2. On each day, the examination will last three hours. You should answer three out of the four questions provided. **Use a separate bluebook for each question.** You should avoid spending so much time on some questions that you do not have enough time for others. Leaving a question unfinished or scantily treated counts against the value of the examination. About one hour should be allotted to each question.
3. In answering a question, you should not simply copy passages from the text; short citations are appropriate, but the answers should be formulated in your own words.
4. If on the first day you open your packet and examine the questions but leave before completing the exam, this will be counted as one of the two attempts you are allowed for that particular section of the Reading List. No grade will be registered for an examination which is discontinued in this way.
5. If you complete the exam with fewer than three questions answered on either day, the exam as a whole will be considered insufficient and you will receive an automatic grade of F for the entire exam attempt. That attempt will also count as one of the two you are allowed for that particular section of the Reading List.
6. The questions assume that you have the books available during the exam. **You may only use the approved editions.**
7. Place all materials, including the exam questions, inside of your envelope and return them to the proctor.