

ENG4U – UNIT 4 - THE HANDSMAIDS TALE by Margaret Atwood

Short Essays (suggested 5 paragraphs each). Answer 3 of 5.
Where possible, use in text citations to support your writing.

- 1) In what ways does the Republic of Gilead control its subjects through the suppression of individual identity ?

- 2) In what ways does the character of Offred change or grow during the novel ?

- 3) What does the authors' portrayal of the Commander suggest about the nature of evil ?

- 4) In what ways is the Handmaid's Tale a critique of contemporary society ?

- 5) "'There is more than one kind of freedom . . . freedom to and freedom from.'
How does Aunt Lydia's dictum attempt to rationalise the aims and methods of Gilead ?