

## 1984 Discussion/Essay Questions

### Section II

Choose five of the following questions to answer. Provide specific examples from the novel in each answer, and use correct grammar and mechanics. Incorporate specific quotes and page numbers for extra credit. DO NOT SHARE ANSWERS WITH OTHER STUDENTS. (1/2 page each)

1. What is the significance of the prole woman's song? What does it symbolize?
2. Why do you think Winston admits his age, his wife, his varicose veins.
3. Why is he happy about Julia's many partners? Discuss the assertion of Winston's that there is a "connection between chastity and political orthodoxy."
4. Compare and contrast Julia's rebellion with Winston's. What does each consider to be the worst actions committed by Big Brother? For what is each willing to take risks?
5. Discuss the meaning and significance of this quote: "If you kept the small rules, you could break the big ones" (107).
6. Why is it significant that rocket bombs and posters increase during hate week?
7. Analyze the symbolism of the coral in the glass globe.
8. What, according to Winston, would be the ultimate betrayal and why? What does Winston believe the Party has not yet mastered?
9. Why does Winston toast the past?