**Austen, Sense and Sensibility Essay** **Prompts**

1/ Jane Austen in her novels finds the extraordinary in the everyday, and it is this change of mind that creates the possibility of love. Discuss this statement with relevance to any one of the two main heroines in her novel.
2/ How does Jane Austen's novel extend from domestic to social drama?
3/ In the 1790s the English gentry tried to assess their own responses to the 'external objects' of the French and American Revolutions. Conservative and radical views are aired by different characters in Jane Austen's novel, Sense and Sensibility. Mr. John Dashwood, Colonel Brandon and Edward Ferrars have different ways of conducting their lives. Choose examples from each to help evaluate the differences.
4/Jane Austen publishes her novel, Sense and Sensibility in 1811. Examine her novel, and describe how she enters into the debate on 'sensibility' begun in 1790.

5/ It is a fact that the most popular novels, read by the men who fought in the trenches in WWI, were written by Jane Austen. Can you venture to explain why this may have been so with reference to Sense and Sensibility?
6/ Austen's writing is characterized by a sense of detail, and a lively narration, which colors the story with irony. Choose a passage (three paragraphs) of Sense and Sensibility and explain how you think Austen's style helps to tell her story and create a unique literary world.

7/ A viewpoint discussed in anthropology is how a human is a product of culture. In literature we find, an individual framed within society. Reflecting on the novel we have read, discuss how far society shapes an individual and how far it does not.

8/ Morality, the force of good and evil, as understood by the author in her historical time. Discuss this topic with relevance to Sense and Sensibility, focus not only on the characterization of the protagonists but also other literary devices such as narration, setting, and voice of the author.

Directions: -
Outline your paper before you turn it in; staple your outline to the back
of your essay, or receive a ten-point deduction.
- As a formal paper assignment, your paper should refrain from using informal language, first person pronouns...
- Write a 4-5 page essay (at least 5 paragraphs) on one of the above prompts.
- Your paper must adhere to MLA format and
include a Works Cited page.
- Your paper must be turned in both at Turnitin.com and as a hard
copy to me to be considered "on time".
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