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Mid-Term

The Rise of the Novel

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\_ Read the quotations on the board and elaborate :

A: These lines are from the novel Robinson Crusoe by Defoe. The speaker here is R.C. he is referring to a conversation between him and his father who asked him why did he want to leave his family and go to sea and advised him that the middle class is the best class to be in and the happiest since they don’t suffer the poverty of the poor and the fake relation of the upper classes…

The theme is that of adventure since its R.C. love for adventure among other aspects that lead him to go to sea… and the religious theme of spiritual awakening R.C. original sin is the fact that he disobeyed his parents and didn’t listen to his father’s advice. This theme has three stages the first one where R.C. is completely blind to his relation with God who gives him many warnings (give examples on all stages)the second stage is the one where he is marooned on the island which is a punishment for the warning he ignored and the sins he committed ,in this stage he starts to open his eyes to the life he was leading and his relationship with God strengthens the third stage where he repents.

The tone is filled with regret for not listeing to his father’s advice and the language is that of simple English language.

B- These lines are from the novel Robinson Crusoe by Defoe. The speaker here is R.C. he is narrating what and how he transferred the goods form the shipwreck to the island…

The theme is that of survival; the human sense of self preservation . R.C. is strong not only physically but mentally ( elaborate with examples) also there is the theme of adventure ,his love for adventure lead him to the marooned island where he has no one to depend on except himself …

The tone is that of pride he is working hard to survive and he is wise in his choices considering this matter , the language is simple English language

\_Bonus: Answer T or F :-

1-Dniel Defoe started all of his writings when he was almost sixty years old. ( F )

2-Robison Crusoe is the original title of the novel you are studying .( F )