*Short Story Unit Test*

*V. Longer Response*

*DIRECTIONS: You must select* ***ONE*** *of the following to write a full page response.  Be sure to include relevant text evidence and explain how the evidence supports your point.* ***You may complete this portion at home and bring in tomorrow****. (10 points)*

1. Suspense is the quality of a story that makes you want to keep reading until you find out what happens.  Writers create suspense by communicating a sense of uncertainty and danger. Identify three suspenseful episodes in "The Most Dangerous Game," and analyze the way in which the writer makes you want to keep reading. Be as specific as possible in your analysis.
2. The character Nat Hocken is central to "The Birds." What did you think of Nat? What qual­ities did he show in his fight against the birds? Write an essay in which you provide a character sketch of Nat and describe the actions he took to protect himself and his family.
3. Based on the last line of Damon Knight's *To Serve Man*, explain how you come to understand the Kanamits' plan for humans.  Did you notice any foreshadowing of this outcome? What is ironic about that fate, the Kanamits' gifts, or their appearance? What real anxieties does this piece of science fiction address?