

Please **choose one** of the following questions to write an argumentative essay (around 1000 words) within the lecture period. You are allowed to use books and handouts, but no computing devices/AI are allowed.

- 1. "Fortune-telling, such as astrology or palm reading, claims to predict the future. Can these practices be considered scientific, or are they fundamentally different from science?" Please use appropriate examples to discuss how fortune-telling is practiced and how it compares to contemporary scientific methods.**
- 2. "Traditional Chinese medicine, such as acupuncture or herbal remedies, is widely used but often lacks the same testing as Western medicine. Can it still be considered scientific, or is it a different kind of knowledge?" Discuss the above claim using examples of TCM practices and how they compare to valid scientific methods.**
- 3. What is the difference between science and technology? You can use specific examples to substantiate your arguments.**