**Questions for *The Epic of Gilgamesh Tablets 1-4***

**Tablet I**

1.How is Gilgamesh’s city of Uruk divided?

2. What are some of Gilgamesh’s legendary feats of strength?

3. How can Gilgamesh be two-thirds god and one-third mortal?

4. Why is Gilgamesh constantly referred to as a bull?

5. What complaints do the people of Uruk have about their king?

6. What do the people ask the creation goddess Aruru to do that will bring peace?

7. Describe the physique of the “primitive man,” Enkidu.

8. How does the hunter react when he first encounters Enkidu?

9. What do Gilgamesh’s two dreams signify?

10. Why does Ninsun tell Gilgamesh that he will love Enkidu “as a wife”?

11. Why is Ninsun an appropriate character to interpret Gilgamesh’s dreams?

 **Tablet II**

1. How does Enkidu challenge Gilgamesh?

2. What prompts Enkidu to suddenly collapse and cry?

3. Why is Humbaba protected by Ellil?

4. Describe Humbaba.

5. What does Gilgamesh declare as his new quest?

6. What is Enkidu’s advice to the elders about Gilgamesh’s new mission?

**Tablet III**

1.Why do the elders in Uruk instruct Enkidu to lead the way into the Pine Forest?

2.Why does Gilgamesh run his idea for adventure past his mother, Ninsun?

3.What character trait in Gilgamesh does Ninsun lament about to Shamash?

4.What is Shamash’s decision? How does he justify it?

**Tablet IV**

1.How many days did the journey last from Uruk to Lebanon?

2.What is Gilgamesh’s first dream, and how does Enkidu interpret it?

3.What is Gilgamesh’s second dream, and how does Enkidu interpret it?

4.What is Gilgamesh’s third dream, and how does Enkidu interpret it?

5.How does this last dream affect Enkidu?

6.Gilgamesh says to Enkidu, “Hold my hand, my friend, let us set off!” Is this a good or bad

decision?