



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT
CS 202 (Fall, 1995-96)
FINAL EXAMINATION
TIME: TWO HOURS
PROFESSOR AHMAD MOUSSALLI

WRITE A COHERENT ESSAY ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

FIRST TOPIC

DISCUSS IN DETAIL IBN KHALDUN'S THEORY OF HISTORY,
SHOWING

1. THE PSYCHOLOGY OF MAN IN THE STATE OF NATURE AND THE REASONS FOR HIS ENTRANCE INTO CIVIL SOCIETY
2. THE CAUSES FOR THE DISINTEGRATION OF THE STATE
3. THEN COMPARE AND CONTRAST HIS GENERAL THEORY WITH THAT OF MACHIAVELLI.

SECONDTOPIC

DISCUSS IN DETAIL ST. THOMAS ACQUINAS' ARGUMENT
ABOUT THE ROLE OF REASON, SHOWING

1. THE TWO METHODS OF ARRIVING AT THE ULTIMATE TRUTH
2. THE FIVE PROOFS OF GOD'S EXISTENCE
3. THEN COMPARE AND CONTRAST HIS VIEWS ABOUT REASON WITH THOSE OF IBN KHALDUN.

