



CIVILIZATION SEQUENCE 202

FINAL EXAM

Time: 2 hours

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PART I: Select 4 out of the excerpts below, and analyze them in one paragraph. Be brief. Go to the essential in every question. Show that you understand the ethos or characteristic spirit of each author (40%).

1. St. Augustine:
Since Christians are well aware that the death of the godly pauper whose sores the dogs licked was far better than that of the wicked rich man who lay in purple and fine linen, what harm could these terrific deaths do to the dead who had lived well?
2. Al-Ghazali
When a man recognizes that the glass of his servile conformism is shattered - an irreparable fragmentation and a mess cannot be mended by patching and piecing together: it can only be melted by fire and newly reshaped.
3. Ibn Tufayl
What do we mean when we say that Hayy Ibn Yaqzan is the self-taught philosopher?
4. Ibn Rushd
Where does Ibn Rushd's rationalism lead him to?
5. St Thomas Aquinas
Explain what Aquinas means by the two-fold truth.
6. Ibn Khaldun
What is the meaning of the Parable of the Owl in Al-Muqaddimah?
7. Machiavelli
"A prince wins by prowess or by fortune". Explain the two concepts.



PART II: (60 %)

How do you understand religion and faith as a way of life?

- Discuss it in relation to Man/Woman vis-à-vis himself/herself
- Himself/herself and other men and women
- Himself/herself and God.
- Study this triangle in Saint Augustine, Ibn Tufayl and Luther.
- In your conclusion discuss it in relation to you personally, first as a CS 202 student, and second as a human being living in 1998. If you don't have faith say what replaces it in your life. Don't be inhibited. Be very free in this essay question and write clearly and sincerely.