



CS 202 (SPRING 1998-9)
FINAL EXAMINATION
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WRITE A COHERENT ESSAY ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

FIRST TOPIC

DISCUSS IN DETAIL IBN KHALDUN'S THEORY OF THE RISE AND FALL OF CIVILIZATIONS. YOU MUST SHOW:

1. HIS VIEWS ON HISTORY AND HISTORIOGRAPHY
2. THE REASONS AND MECHANISMS FOR ENTERING INTO CIVILIZATION
3. THE CAUSES FOR THE RISE AND DISINTEGRATION OF THE STATE.

SECOND TOPIC

DISCUSS IN DETAIL DANTE'S PHILOSOPHY ON PURIFICATION OF SIN THAT LEADS TO SALVATION. YOU MUST FOCUS ON:

1. THE CONCEPT OF SIN AND ITS PURIFICATION
2. THE ACTUAL PROCESS OF PURIFICATION
3. THE DIFFERENCES AMONG THE INDIVIDUALS THAT GO EITHER TO PURGATORY, HEAVEN OR HELL.

GOOD LUCK

