

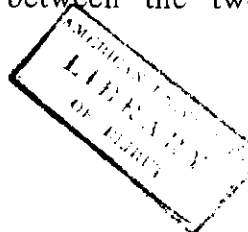
CIVILIZATION SEQUENCE 202

FINAL EXAMINATION

TIME: Two Hours

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- I. Choose ONE of the following essay questions; read it carefully and make sure you answer it as completely as you can.
1. Many of the writings in C.S. 202 have focused on the concepts of revelation, faith and reason. Briefly describe how you understand each concept. Now describe the views of **three** of the writers we have studied on whether there is a need for faith and revelation in addition to reason, and, if so, why, or, if not, why not ?
 2. Compare the following two thinkers on the role of holy scriptures in the life of the believer: Ibn Tufayl and Ibn Rushd. How would each answer the following questions: What is the purpose of holy scriptures ? What good do they serve ? Should everyone be allowed to interpret them ?
- II. Answer the following question (Obligatory Question)
- Both Machiavelli and Ibn Khaldun outline the desirable and necessary qualities in any leader for effective rule. Discuss the major differences between the two political models by referring to their unique goals.



III. Answer ONE of the following questions:

1. Machiavelli and Dante both dealt with the connection between the state and the church. Discuss their views on this issue, indicating any similarities or differences amongst them. Which position best represents your views, and why ?
2. Dante gives a very detailed description of Purgatory and its different levels. Describe what Purgatory is, what its purpose is, and what its various levels correspond to. What is the significance of the idea that while Virgil guides Dante through Purgatory, he cannot guide him into heaven ? Is there anything in Dante's view of Purgatory you agree or disagree with ? Briefly explain.
3. In what sense is there a harmony of faith and reason in the philosophy of Aquinas ? In other words, according to him, what role does reason play in relation to revelation ? Are our revealed truths capable of rational demonstration ? Illustrate by giving some specific examples.

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