

CS 202 Final Exam (2 hours 15 minutes)



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A- Question for all (60%):

"Man of faith, man of reason" a major concern for the thinkers between the IVth and the XIIth century.

Both Christian and Muslim philosophers studied deeply and fully the issues of:

- Knowledge
- Understanding of the world
- Evil and good
- Soul and body
- The and Sharia' and Philosophy

Each one of these thinkers-believers had a particular itinerary and focused more on some concerns more than on others; nevertheless they all reached nearly the same conclusion as to the general issue.

1- Make a general introduction to the subject above that shows what did all of the authors we read in CS 202 have in common as thinkers and as believers (taking into consideration the particularities of the Christian philosophers and those of the Muslim philosophers)

and (choose three out of five below)

2- Briefly elaborate on the position of:

✓ Augustine: on the problem of evil and the will

Al Ghazali: on the diversification and sects in Islam and on Sufism Ibn Tufayl: on the ways of knowledge (philosophy and law), Salaman& Asal

✓ Ibn Rushd: on the hierarchy of understanding and on interpretation Thomas Aquinas: on the existence of God and on the truth

B- Choose one of the two question below (40%)

1- (a) What are the characteristics of the ideal Prince according to Machiavelli?

(b) How do you read its impact on today's politics in the world?

or

2- (a) What is Ibn Khaldun's reading of Badawa and Assabiya in the making of History?

(b) Can you retrace them in the politics of today? Give illustrations and your opinion.

Good Luck