



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT
CS 202 (Summer 1997-98), SECTIONS 3 & 4
FINAL EXAMINATION
TIME: TWO HOURS
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WRITE A COHERENT ESSAY ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

FIRST TOPIC

DISCUSS IN DETAIL IBN KHALDUN'S THEORY OF HISTORY,
THEN SHOW

1. THE NATURE AND PSYCHOLOGY OF MAN IN THE STATE OF NATURE
2. THE HISTORICAL STAGES OF STATE DEVELOPMENT AND COLLAPSE
3. THEN COMPARE AND CONTRAST HIS THEORY WITH THAT OF MACHIAVELLI.

SECOND TOPIC

DISCUSS IN DETAIL DANTE'S VIEW OF HUMAN BEINGS,
THEN EXPLAIN

1. THE CONCEPT OF SIN AND ITS PURIFICATION
2. THE SINS THAT ARE PURIFIED IN THE PURGATORY AND THE END THAT IS ACHIEVED
3. THEN COMPARE AND CONTRAST DANTE'S CONCEPT OF SIN WITH THAT OF MACHIAVELLI.

