



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT
CS 202 (SUMMER, 2003)
FINAL EXAMINATION
TIME: TWO HOURS
PROFESSOR AHMAD MOUSSALLI

WRITE A COHERENT ESSAY ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

FIRST TOPIC

DISCUSS IN DETAIL DANTE'S VIEWS OF SALVATION FOCUSING ON

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 AL-GHAZALI.

SECOND TOPIC

DISCUSS IN DETAIL IBN KHALDUN'S THEORY OF HISTORY,
SHOWING

1. THE MOTIVATIONS FOR ENTRANCE INTO CIVIL SOCIETY
2. THE CAUSES FOR THE RISE AND FALL OF THE STATE
3. THEN COMPARE AND CONTRAST HIS GENERAL THEORY OF HISTORY
WITH THAT OF ST. AUGUSTINE.