



CIVILIZATION SEQUENCE 201
FINAL EXAMINATION TWO HOURS
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Choose one of the following two questions:

1-- The conception of the good man was one major concern that you encountered in several of your readings.

- (A) What is the role of freedom in Aristotle's conception of the good man which he develops in his ethics?
- (B) According to Lucretius, how does a man become good and does this response differ from Aristotle's answer?
- (C) How does Roman civilization, as seen through Virgil's eyes, define goodness in its turn and in what ways does Aeneas embody this definition?
- (E) From Aristotle's ethical perspective, was Oedipus a good man and why?

2-- The construction of a theory of knowledge plays an essential role in Aristotle's metaphysics.

- (A) What does Aristotle mean by saying that everyone desires to know by nature and what constitutes knowledge for him?
- (B) Does Lucretius believe that knowledge of the world affect man's character in being good or bad and how?
- (C) What knowledge is relevant to building the moral character of the Roman citizen, according to Virgil, and does Aeneas constitute the model for that Roman character?
- (D) How would Plato criticize Aristotle's theory of knowledge?

Good Luck

