



Civilization Sequence 201
FINAL EXAM

TIME: Two hours
at 8:00 A.M. Room 500 Nicely
Sections 3 & 27

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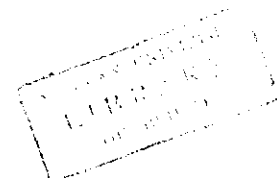
PART I:

Short questions/answers (50%)

Choose FIVE (5) of the following questions and answer briefly and clearly.

1. In what way could The AENEID be considered the mirror of the Roman great destiny?

2. In what way is Ethics a practical science for Aristotle?



3. What does it mean to be fully human according to the Greek ethos?

4. What is the ultimate goal of life according to the Epicureans and how does one reach it?

5. What are a few of the most striking aspects of the Epic of Gilgamesh for us in the year 2000.

6. Is Jocasta a tragic figure in Oedipus the King?
Answer positively or negatively giving your reasons in each case.

PART II: (50%) Write a coherent and well-organized essay on one of the following topics:

1. **On Leadership**

We have witnessed various attitudes towards leadership in our readings: Such leaders were:

Gilgamesh, Odysseus, Aeneas, Oedipus, Pericles, Cleon, Diodotus, the philosopher - King, the King of Sparta....

- a) Sum-up THREE or FOUR of these attitudes.
- b) Show in what way such attitudes are relevant or are not to-day.
- c) in your conclusion, say under whose leadership you would choose to live.

OR

2. **On Morality:**

According to the Greek Unit we have read, has man a moral sense, could he improve in life, could he become a better man and how would he achieve this?

- Take examples from our Greek readings to support your discussion.
- Give, in your conclusion, your own stand in relation to the problem under discussion.

OR

3. On The Human Condition:

Sophocles, Oedipus the King

Alas! you generations of men!
Even while you live you are next to nothing!
Has any man won for himself
More than the shadow of happiness,
A shadow that swiftly fades away?
.... now as I look on you,
See your ruin, how can I say that
Mortal man can be happy?

- a) Explain it in the context of the play.
- b) Let two or three other authors we have studied this semester react to this vision of the human condition.

In your essay, be specific, keep close to the texts, give examples from the texts. Be personal in your conclusion.

OR

4. Describe Socrates's relation to his city-polis in the Apology. Keep in mind Pericles's "Funeral Oration" and show how Socrates fulfils Pericles's description of Athens.

- Then take a few other examples from our Greek Unit on the relationship between Greek man and his polis.
- In your conclusion, show in what way this relationship between man and city has or has not changed in our times.