



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT
CIVILIZATION SEQUENCE 201
FINAL EXAMINATION

TIME: 2 HOURS

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PART ONE: QUOTATIONS (30%)

In the following two quotations, (1) Identify the quotation. (2) Analyze it. (3) Link one of its ideas to another idea you have come across this semester.

1. The next step now is evidently to elucidate in my verses the nature of mind and of spirit. In so doing I must throw out the fear of Hell head over heels--that fear which blasts the life of man from its very foundations, sullyng everything with the blackness of death and leaving no pleasure pure and unalloyed.
2. The noise of the fires was growing louder and louder through the city and the tide of flame was rolling nearer. "Come then, dear father, up on my back. I shall take you on my shoulders....Young Iulus can walk by my side and my wife can follow in my footsteps at a distance....You, father, take in your arms the sacraments and the ancestral gods of our home. I am fresh from all the fighting and killing and it is not right for me to touch them till I have washed in a running stream."

PART TWO: ESSAY (70%).

Choose ONE of the following topics and write a clear, organized and well-developed essay. Make as many references as possible to the works you discuss.

1. Explore the human values embodied in at least three of the following works:
The Epic of Gilgamesh, The Odyssey, The Peloponnesian War, Socrates's Apology, The Republic, The Aeneid. Give your own opinion. Are you with or against those values, and for what reasons?
2. Happiness is a major topic of many works you read this semester. *The Epic of Gilgamesh, Oedipus the King, Plato's Republic, Lucretius, Aristotle's Ethics, and The Aeneid* all address this issue. Explore the theme of happiness in at least three of the above works. Give your own opinion. Do you agree or disagree with your chosen authors? What is your position on happiness?

GOOD LUCK!

