

CIVILIZATION SEQUENCE 205
FINAL EXAMINATION

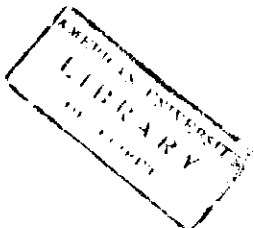
Time: Two & half hour

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Your exam is in 2 parts. You choose 5 of the 8 questions of Part I and answer them very briefly (50%)

You have a required essay question in Part II (50%) write it clearly and in a concise manner (1-2 pages).

- I. Choose 5 of the following questions and write 2-4 lines for each one (50%)
1. On Descartes
Discuss the role of doubt in Descartes' search for truth and what it led him to believe, to judge as certain, clear and distinct.
 2. On Bacon
Explain the following excerpt by Bacon and say what he advocates through his metaphor of the 3 insects.
"The men of experiment are like the ant, they only collect and use; the reasoners resemble spiders, who make cobwebs out of their own substance. But the bee takes a middle course: it gathers its material from the flowers of the garden...but transforms and digests it by a power of its own." (XCV, p. 93)
 3. On Kant
What is Kant's main position regarding Morality ?
 4. On Bentham
What is the main Principle which guides Bentham's approach to Morality and Law ?
 5. On Faust
What is the pact that binds Faust to Mephitopheles? What does it imply about Faust the man and his epoch?
 6. On Simone de Beauvoir
Explain her title The Second Sex
 7. On Beckett
Explain his title Waiting for Godot



8. On Tayeb Salih

State one important issue or theme which drew your attention in Season of Migration to the North.

II. Required question: On Locke & Marx (50%)

Locke writes in the Second Treatise of Government

“Nor is it so strange, as perhaps before consideration it may appear, that the *property of labour* should be able to over-balance the community of land: for it is *labour* indeed that *puts the difference of value* on every thing; and let any consider what the difference between an acre of land planted with tobacco or sugar, sown with wheat or barley, and an acre, of the same land lying in common, without any husbandry upon it, and he will find, that the improvement of *labour makes* the far greater part of the value. I think it will be but a very modest computation to say, that of the earth useful to the life of man nine tenths are the *effects of labour*: nay, if we will rightly estimate things as they come to our use, and cast up the several expences about them, what in them is purely owing to *nature*, and what to *labour*, we shall find, that in most of them ninety-nine hundredths are wholly to be put on the account of *labour*.

- a) Analyze this paragraph by drawing the main points then state the political philosophy that is the result of the above reflection.
- b) State Karl Marx's position regarding this paragraph, and regarding, as well Locke's political philosophy.