



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT

CIVILIZATION SEQUENCE 204

FINAL EXAMINATION



TIME: 2 HOURS

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**PART ONE: QUOTATIONS (30%)**

*The following two quotations are from Mahfouz and Salih respectively. In each case, (1) Analyze the ideas in the quotation. (2) Link one of the ideas to another idea you have come across in C.S. 204.*

1. Many things combine to show that Midaq Alley is one of the gems of times gone by and that it once shone forth like a flashing star in the history of Cairo. Which Cairo do I mean? That of the Fatimids, the Mamlukes or the Sultans? Only God and the archeaeologists know the answer to that.
2. I raised my body in the water. I heard the reverberation of the river and the puttering of the water pump. Turning to left and right, I found I was half-way between north and south. I was unable to continue, unable to return.

**PART TWO: ESSAY (70%)**

*Write a complete, well-developed and well-organized essay on the following topic:*

The role and status of women is a major theme in C.S. 204. Explore this theme as it appears in a few of the authors you have read this semester. You may discuss as few or as many writers as you wish, but be careful to treat the subject in depth and to avoid superficiality. Make specific references to the chosen texts. Pass judgment on the chosen authors.

