



CIVILIZATION SEQUENCE 204

FINAL EXAMINATION

Time: Two Hours

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Choose two of the following topics:

One: "Break down the stereotypes and reductive theories" E. Said.

- a) How did Edward Said elaborate on this task of the intellectual?
- b) How is this echoed in "Season of Migration to the North" by Tayeb Salih?

Two: C.S. 204 seemed to be - according to your comments - most relevant to your personal life to-day.  
Choose only three basic issues (e.g. on survival, on being, on freedom, on women's condition, on man's fate, on conflicts, on identity) and show how any one author we read in C.S. 204 has enlightened you on the subject.

Three: "Then my mind cleared and my relationship to the river was determined. I thought that if I died at that moment, I would have died as I was born without any volition of mine. All my life I had not chosen, had not decided. Now I am making a decision. I choose life. I shall live because there are few people I want to stay with for the longest possible time and because I have duties to discharge. It is not my concern whether or not life has meanings. If I am unable to forgive, then I shall try to forget." Tayeb Salih.

- a) How did the narrator come to this conclusion? (in the context of the novel).
- b) How do you compare this decision, with decisions taken by a main character from other works we have read in CS (either Malraux, or Beckett, or Mahfouz).
- c) How do you interpret this passage under a Freudian look?

GOOD LUCK!

