Civilization Sequence 204 Fall 2002 – 2003 Sections 4 & 5 Inanna Hamati-Ataya



Final Examination Thursday, January 23rd, 2003

Part One: Choose 5 of the following questions.

These questions should be answered briefly and accurately.

Estimated time: 30 minutes

50 points

- 1) What are the **two steps** of the **process of evolution**? Explain briefly each one of them and how they are **related** to each other.
- 2) What is **Popper**'s definition of a **scientific statement or theory?** Give examples.
- What are, according to Popper, the **requirements** that a theory should meet in order for it to **replace an old one?** Give examples studied in Hawking's *A Brief History of Time*.
- 4) What are, according to Freud, the **three dangers** challenging man's happiness in society, and the **ways to escape** them?
- 5) Give two manifestations of Nietszche's "will to power" according to the author. Then try to define the "will to power" in one sentence.
- 6) Explain man's **love and death instincts**, and give four examples of how **society** (or social life) restricts their expression.

Part two: Choose one of the following essays

You will be evaluated on your ability to synthesize.

50 points.

- 1) Man, the Other, and Society: explore the themes of **conflict** and possible **dialogue**.
- 2) From **essence** to **identity**: show the possible consequences of defining oneself and others, and how such a definition can easily become essentialist.
- 3) CS 204 has showed you a new aspect of the relation of **knowledge** to **power**. Explain it, and say how this has changed your conception of science, "truth", and domination.

Good luck.