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Time: 2 hours

CS 204
Final Examination

Answer two of the following questions:

1. The images of women in A. Malraux's Man's Fate and N. Mahfouz's Midaq Alley serve as illustrations of Simone De Beauvoir's views in The Second Sex. Discuss, providing examples.
2. The narrator in Tayeb Salih's Season of Migration... lost the sense of belonging and certainty that he once had. Discuss the experiences that led to this, including his relationship with Mustafa Sa'eed. To what extent is his last stand (last chapter of the novel) similar to that of the characters of Man's Fate?
3. Discuss the similarities between Patriarchy and Colonialism, referring to Simone De Beauvoir's The Second Sex and Edward Said's Orientalism. Provide illustrations and examples of these similarities from Tayeb Salih's Season of Migration... and N. Mahfouz's Midaq Alley.
4. Are the issues and themes in the books that we read and discussed in CS 204 relevant to your life and experiences? Discuss the impact, positive or negative, of two of these books on you and the world view that you hold.