



Civilization Sequence 204
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Sections 3, 6 & 12
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Final examination

Part one: answer 5 of the following short-answer questions (50 points)

- 1) What are the factors involved in the process of natural selection?
- 2) Explain what, according to Freud, are man's basic instincts, and how they are frustrated in his cultural life.
- 3) What is Nietzsche's criticism of classical Christian morality? What is the morality he replaces it with?
- 4) Explain what Nietzsche means by the "will to truth".
- 5) Compare the following relations of domination according to Simone de Beauvoir's analysis: man/woman, bourgeois/proletarian.
- 6) What is Popper's demarcation criterion in science? Apply it to the following statements:
 - a) Man is driven by a sexual instinct
 - b) Women have two X chromosomes
 - c) Organisms compete among each other for survival

Part two: answer 1 of the following essays (50 points)

- 1) One of the topics discussed in CS 204 is that of "human will" (what it means, what are its limitations or possible expressions,...). Present different perspectives according to the authors you studied, and express your opinion on the subject.
- 2) Conflict and power: what have you learned on the relations of conflict and power, between man and his natural and social environment? Do you think such relations are inevitable?

Good luck!