

**CIVILIZATION SEQUENCE 204
FINAL EXAM**

Time: 2 hours
Student's Name: _____
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Your exam is in two parts. Allow One hour for each of the two essays you are asked to write. Focus well, keep close to the texts with examples from the texts to support and give power to your analysis.

Part I: Required question (30 %)

In Season of Migration to the North Tayib Salih's Narrator describes in the following manner his state of being:

The World has turned suddenly upside down. Love? Love does not do this. This is hatred. I feel hatred and seek revenge; my adversary is within and I needs must confront him...I begin from where Mustafa Sa'eed had left off.

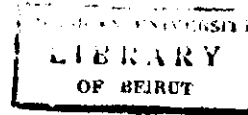
- Situate this passage then analyze it by shedding light on what has happened to the Narrator and what this passage implies.
- In your conclusion state what, in your opinion is the outcome of the Narrator's self-confrontation here.

Part II: Choose One of the following 4 topics and write a clear and well-focused essay. (70 %)

1. **On Freedom**

What remains of your idea of personal freedom after having read Nietzsche, Freud, Malraux, Beckett, Salih, Simone de Beauvoir and Edward Said?

- Select just a few relevant facts and arguments from our texts. Let your selections come from **at least four** of the above authors.
- Express yourself clearly and give your own opinion in your conclusion.



2. **On Male-Female relationships**

a) **Man's Fate**

"I (Valerie) am not a woman to be had, a stupid body in which you may find your pleasure..."

and

"May, are we going to part on a misunderstanding?"

"Have I lived like a woman who needs protection?"

b) **The Second Sex**

To emancipate woman is to refuse to confine her to relations she bears to man, not to deny them to her; let her have her independent existence and she will continue none the less to exist for him also: mutually recognizing each other as subject, each will yet remain for the other an other. The reciprocity of their relations will not do away with the miracles – desire, possession, love, dream, adventure – worked by the decision of human beings into two separate categories; and the words that move us – giving, conquering, uniting – will not lose their meaning. On the contrary when we abolish the slavery of half of humanity, then the "division" of humanity will reveal its genuine significance and the human couple will find its true form."

Discuss the issues at hand then let Freud, Nietzsche and Tayib Salih react to the above!

In your conclusion, give your own opinion of the Male – Female relationships. Be sincere and courageous!

3. **Humanism**, says Malraux somewhere, is not to say "what I did, no animal could do". Humanism is to say "I have refused what the beast in me wanted of me, and I became a man without the help of the gods."

Take a few of the authors (3 or 4) we have read and examine their position regarding **Humanism** as defined above or as you understand it more broadly yourself.

4. Darwin, Hawking and/or Popper, each one from his own discipline and with its relevant arguments, has contributed to free modern man from "the established order" of things.

What was the core of their contributions, how do they compare?

Where do you stand yourself in these "new" pictures of the world of science, and of man/woman facing those "new" world visions.

A piece of advice: Your essays should be relative to the time you have (2 hours). Focus well, write clearly with examples from our texts.