



CIVILIZATION SEQUENCE 204

FINAL EXAM

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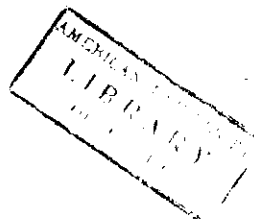
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PART I: Choose four of the following quotations. In each case:

- Situate the quotation in its proper context.
- Analyze its main idea(s).
- Link it to the main theme(s) of the work.

Use the blank space under each quotation. Be brief. Go to the essential (40%).

1. He was becoming aware that he stood here, not as a fighter, but as a sacrificial priest. He was serving the gods of his choice.
2. [...] is a study based on a re-thinking of what had for centuries been believed to be an unbridgeable chasm separating East from West.



6. It is science in this heroic sense that I wish to study.
[A scientific theory] is daring if and only if it takes a great risk
of being false.

7. The programme of being happy [...] cannot be fulfilled.

PART II: Compulsory Essay question. (60%)

Choose ONE of the following ~~type~~ quotations. Be clear. Keep close to the texts you will choose to illustrate your analysis. Be personal in your conclusion.

1. Tolstoy writes in War and Peace

Sometimes he remembered having heard how soldiers under fire in the trenches, and having nothing to do, try hard to find some occupation the more easily to bear the danger. And it seemed to Pierre that all men were like those soldiers, seeking refuge from life: some in ambition, some in cards, some in framing laws, some in women, some in playthings, some in horses, some in politics, some in sports, some in wine, and some in government service. "Nothing is without consequences, and nothing is important: It's all the same in the end. The thing to do is to save myself from it all as best I can," thought Pierre. "Not to see *it*, that terrible *it*".

- a. Discuss this vision of the Human Condition according to what you perceive of Tolstoy's (a brief introduction to the body of your essay).
- b. Then discuss it in relation to the Human Condition as perceived by Freud, Malraux and Beckett.
- c. Conclude by giving your own opinion.

OR

2. What has been the impact of Orientalism and Season of Migration to the North on you? What are the main problems, issues, attitudes that you would single out? Where do you stand in this context?

OR

3. Simone de Beauvoir writes that **"Otherness is a fundamental category of human thought."**

Discuss it in relation to at least 3-4 authors we have read this semester . select them from East and West. In your conclusion take a personal stand yourself on that **"fundamental category of human thought."**