



CIVILIZATION SEQUENCE 204  
FINAL EXAMINATION

Time: 2 hours

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Answer two of the following questions:

1. "...orientalism depends for its strategy on this flexible positional superiority, which puts the Westerner in a whole series of possible relationships with the Orient without ever losing him the relative upper hand".

Edward Said, *Orientalism*

- a. Examine the above quotation and place it in the proper context.
  - b. Do you agree with Edward Said's analysis of the hegemony of European ideas about the Orient? Discuss.
2. Analyze the end of two of the following texts: *Season of Migration to the North*, *Waiting for Godot*, *Midaq Alley*. Examine the linkage of the end to the themes of the books that you have selected.
  3. "I fell under the influence of Freud as well and read more than once Civilization and its Discontents. What fascinated me then.... is Freud's theory of man as divided up between Eros and Death".
    - a. Examine the above statement and its relevance to Mustafa Sa'eed's tormentend life.
    - b. How would Freud deal with such a statement?
  4. Choose two texts from CS. 204 and examine two of the following problems: women versus men, Arab versus Arab, traditionalism versus modernism, Orient versus Occident and man versus civilization.
  5. Examine the representation of the other in the following texts: *The Second Sex*, *Season of Migration to the North* and *Orientalism*.

