

Shebaya 6.6.01

PART ONE: Brief answers (choose four only)

- 1. Does Darwin's theory of evolution **necessarily** contradict monotheistic belief in the existence of God?
- 2. Does Nietzsche's "Will to Power" and "God is Dead" philosophy mean that all who claim to be Nietzschean are necessarily "masters" and potential "overmen"?
 - Does Freud's focus on the instinctive nature of the human person necessarily mean that there is no existence of authentic human freedom, altruism, heroism?
- 4. Is Hawking's argument for the non-necessity of a "Creator" in understanding our universe a decisive blow to religious faith?
- 5. Does Popper's criticism of Marx and Freud mean that the philosophies of these two thinkers are not important?
- 6. Is Hameeda a Nietzschean heroine?

PART TWO: Essay (choose one)

A. SELF and OTHER

Write a well-organized essay in which you **describe** how this topic is dealt with by Simone de Beauvoir, Edward Said, and Tayib Saleh. **Illustrate** your main points from the text. **Evaluate**, indicating where you agree or disagree with the positions taken by each author. What is **your** vision of the **basis** on which human relationships ought to be built? (Feel free to refer to **any** text that you have read in C.S. 201 - 204 in answering this question).

B. C.S. and SELF-AWARENESS

"Know thyself" was one of the first goals defined for human life in our C.S. journey from 201 through 204. Write a well-organized essay in which you reflect on those ideas which stimulated your own journey of self-awareness, (1) in the texts of Simone de Beauvoir, Said, Mahfouz, and Saleh (illustrate main ideas from the text) and (2) in any one text from each of C.S. 201, 202 and 203 (general reference without specific textual illustration). Explain how the items you refer to have helped you to a better understanding of your own human life, either by shedding light or by challenging you to think about why you disagree with the ideas presented.