



C.S. 204 Final Examination

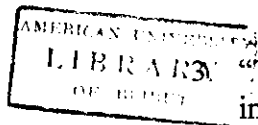
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Time: 2 hours & Half



Discuss at length TWO of the following:

1. "I (Valerie) am not a woman to be had, a stupid body in which you may find your pleasure. You know a good many things, dear, but you will probably die without its ever having occurred to you that a woman is also a human being." *Man's Fate*
 - a. Explain and contextualize quotation.
 - b. To what extent are the female characters in the novels you have read this semester protesting against their condition as females (both biologically and socially), and to what extent are they protesting against conditions that affect both men and women?
 - c. Which female character appeals most to your own beliefs? Why?
2. "And when this man is complete, when there is nothing left in him of childhood, nor of adolescence, when he is really a man – he is good for nothing but to die." *Man's Fate*
 - a. Explain what Gisors meant by this statement and whether it expresses Malraux's own views.
 - b. Does it express Beckett's views? Why?
 - c. What is your **own** view?
3. "The truth is that for man she is an amusement, a pleasure, company, an inessential boon; he is for her the meaning, the justification of her existence." S. de Beauvoir
 - a. Does this quotation describe de Beauvoir's views? What are her views on women?
 - b. What does the term "woman" mean to you? Would you agree to such statements as "Women belong to men, and a man is a man even if he is decrepit" (*Season of Migration*), and "Women were best treated as children, above all for the sake of their happiness" (*Midaq Alley*)? Why?
4. "I thought that I died at that moment, I would have died as I was born – without any volition of mine. All my life I had not chosen, had not decided. Now I am making a decision. I choose life."
 - a. Place this quotation in its proper context.
 - b. Apply it to de Beauvoir, Beckett and Malraux.
 - c. What do you think Nietzsche would say to this?
 - d. What is your **own** opinion?



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Read questions carefully! Take your time! **DO NOT** divide questions into a, b, c, and d. Questions should be written in the form of **ONE** essay.
2. Give the number of the questions you are answering.
3. **DO NOT** use a pencil and write legibly!