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CS 204
Final Examination

Answer two of the following questions:

1. According to Edward Said in his book Orientalism, the orientalist present a distorted image of Eastern societies and cultures. To what extent does the image of Arab societies presented in N. Mahfouz's Midaq Alley and T. Salih's Season of Migration... contradict or agree with the orientalist's image of the East.
2. The woman in both Western and Eastern societies is treated as "other." Discuss, referring to Simone De Beauvoir's arguments in The Second Sex. Provide examples from Malraux's Man's Fate, N. Mahfouz's Midaq Alley and T. Salih's Season of Migration... for illustration.
3. The narrator in T. Salih's Season of Migration... chooses life at the end and explains "I shall live because there are a few people I want to stay with for the longest possible time and because I have duties to discharge. It is not my concern whether or not life has meaning. If I am unable to forgive, then I shall try to forget. I shall live by force and cunning." Discuss the experiences that he went through and that influenced his final stand. Compare/contrast his stand with that of the characters of Malraux's Man's Fate.