



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT

CVSP 204: CONTEMPORARY STUDIES

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Final Exam

Discuss ONE of the following questions in a well-organized and well-written essay.

1. How is the conflict between different aspects of reason and instinct depicted in *Season of Migration to the North*, *Orientalism*, and *The Second Sex* OR *Civilization and Its Discontents*?
2. What are the factors mediating the production of power and knowledge in the context of oppression and the colonial experience? Discuss with reference to *Season of Migration to the North*, *Orientalism*, and *The Second Sex*.
3. With reference to *Season of Migration to the North*, *Orientalism*, and *Beyond Good and Evil* OR *The Second Sex*, explore the issue of individual and social responsibility.
4. With reference to *Season of Migration to the North*, *Orientalism*, and *The Second Sex* OR *Civilization and Its Discontents*, discuss the various mechanisms involved in the construction of "otherness". Why is this process needed by the individual/society?

Good Luck!