

## CIVILIZATION SEQUENCE 204

### II. SEM. FINAL EXAM

Time: 2 Hours

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Your exam is in two parts. Allow One hour for each of the two essays you are asked to write. Focus well, Keep close to the texts with examples from the texts to support and give power to your analysis.

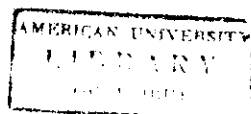
#### Part I: Required question (50%)

In Season of Migration to the North Tayib Salih's Narrator describes in the following manner his state of being:

The World has turned suddenly upside down. Love? Love does not do this. This is hatred. I feel hatred and seek revenge; my adversary is within and I needs must confront him... I begin from where Mustafa Sa'eed had left off.

- Situate this passage then analyze it by shedding light on what has happened to the Narrator and what this passage implies.

In your conclusion state what, in your opinion is the outcome of the Narrator's self-confrontation here.



**PART II. Choose One of the following 3 topics and write a clear and well-focused essay (50%)**

1) **On Freedom**

What remains of your idea of personal freedom after having read Nietzsche, Freud, Malraux, Beckett, Mahfouz, Salih, Simone de Beauvoir and Edward Said?

- Select just a few relevant facts and arguments from our texts. Let your selections come from **at least four** of the above authors.
- Express yourself clearly and give your own opinion in your conclusion.

2) **On Male-Female relationships**

a) **Man's Fate**

"I (Valerie) am not a woman to be had,, a stupid body in which you may find your pleasure..."

and

"May, are we going to part on a misunderstanding?"

"Have I lived like a woman who needs protection?"

b) **The Second Sex**

To emancipate Woman is to refuse to confine her to the relations she bears to man, not to deny them to her; let her have her independent existence and she will continue none the less to exist for him also: mutually recognizing each other as subject, each will yet remain for the other an other. The reciprocity of their relations will not do away with the miracles - desire, possession, love, dream, adventure - worked by the division of human beings into two separate categories ; and the words that move us - giving, conquering, uniting - will not lose their meaning. On the contrary when we abolish the slavery of half of humanity, then the "division" of humanity will reveal its genuine significance and the human couple will find its true form."

c) Season of Migration

"Women belong to men, and a man's a man even if he's decrepit".

- Analyze these statements in their proper contexts.
- Discuss the protests of women in these novels.
- Consider the extent to which they are protesting against their condition as females (biologically, socially...) and the extent to which they are protesting against conditions that affect both man and women.
- What is your opinion? Is woman just a "stupid body" to "be had" or is she equal to man?  
(Be sincere here and outspoken- Forget what you might have guessed about your teacher's attitude towards the issue at hand).