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**CS 203 Final Exam.
Time: Two Hours**

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Answer **Either Question I or Question II.**

Question I

The Nature of Knowledge

We have considered the mathematical physics approach to nature this semester, which is at the basis of modern science and technology. Let us call this information the scientific knowledge, covering physics, chemistry, biology, psychology and sociology, i.e. all information based on rational observation and measurement.

Essay: Do you think that scientific information could give us all the knowledge that we need about the universe and our place in it? Or do human beings need other sources of knowledge than modern science? Give your own position, using 203 philosophers to support your opinion.

Question II

The State and Social Life

- i) State institutions, the laws, the government, the courts, the police, are all necessary for social life as we know it. Why is this so? How would people behave in the absence of laws, government and the police? Answer using recent Lebanese history as an illustration.
- ii) Marx believes that in the distant future, under communism, all of humanity will live together in a single community. Indicate some of the difficulties facing this idea.
- iii) disappearance of the state?

GOOD LUCK

