

FINAL EXAM CVSP 112

Question I 40%

According to Halim Barakat a revision of the "Idealist" view of Arab identity needs to be done.

- a. **Explain** what is the "Idealist" view of identity? 10%
- b. **Present and discuss** two "idealist" views of Arab identity as presented by Barakat. 10%
- c. **Explain** Barakat's "nuanced" view of identity **providing** examples to illustrate this view. 10%
- d. **Critically assess** this view of Arab Identity. 10%

Question II 60%

According to Hisham Sharabi "Neopatriarchy" is the main reason behind the decadence in the Arab world.

- a. **Briefly explain** "Neopatriarchy" as a system of values **providing** examples to illustrate your point. 15%
- b. **Present and discuss** Sharabi's view which says that economic development (i.e. capitalism) can help the development of the society as a whole. Why according to him capitalism in the Arab world led to "Neopatriarchy". 15%
- c. Last week the Islamic fundamentalist party " Hamas" won the parliamentary elections in Palestine and last month the "Muslim Brothers" in Egypt achieved a

good result in the elections. This shows that Islamic fundamentalism is still gaining momentum especially among the masses in the Arab world.

1. **Explain** why, according to Sharabi, there was a rise for Islamic. 10%
fundamentalism in the Arab world, a rise which reached a climax in the late 80s.
Present the main characteristics of the Islamic fundamentalist discourse.
2. Can we say that for these same reasons Islamic fundamentalism is still popular today? Do you believe that they (i.e. Islamic fundamentalists) have retained the same discourse? **Present** your own views on these recent developments and try to provide an explanation for this phenomenon. 10%
3. If you had the chance to change something in the Arab world on what aspect would you w **Justify** your answer. 10 %