

ARCHAEOLOGY 216

The Near East in the Bronze or Urban Age II

Final Examination

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Time: TWO hours

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I Identifications 40%

Time: 50 minutes

- ☛ The attached page of illustrations presents you with
 - One reconstruction model (A),
 - two sites (B & C),
 - and seven artifacts or groups of artifacts (D - J)
- ☛ Briefly identify these one by one and in the order indicated:
 1. What does the illustration represent (type and material)?
 2. To which urban site or territory does it belong?
 3. What aspects of life in early urban or traditional societies can you recognize?
 4. Any interpretative comments?

II Essay question 60%

Time: 70 minutes

It has been said that the boom conditions of the 15th and 14th centuries almost inevitably produced the slump after the end of the 13th century.

*(After Sandars *The Sea Peoples*, p.183)*

Discuss the splendour and breakdown of some of the largest Bronze Age urban centers in the Levant or eastern Mediterranean, almost 2000 years after the first towns had been built.

- What are the **characteristic features** of Bronze Age cities like Ebla (*Tell Mardikh*) and Ugarit (*Ras Shamra*) ?
- What would **non-urban settlements** in the landscape look like?
- Who were the **people living in town and countryside**?
- What do events like the **battle of Kadesh** tell us about the urban system of the time?
- Why were there **so many people on the move** at the end of the second millennium BC?

