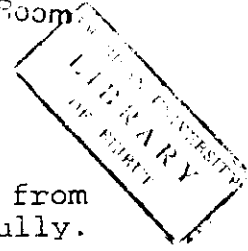




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History 252
FINAL EXAM

Time: 3 hours
June, 1996

Instructions: Answer ONE question from Part I, and TWO from Part II, a total of THREE. Write very slowly and carefully.

Part I. General questions on the period as a whole

1. How accurate is the view that the church was "a kind of society" in the Middle Ages?
2. How did the geography of western Europe influence its history, from the end of the Roman to the end of the Ottonian empire?
3. Why did the Roman empire as an ideal political entity survive so long in western European history?

Part II. Questions on the later period

1. Who inherited the empire of Charlemagne? Think carefully.
2. How relevant is the study of Byzantine and Arab-Islamic history and civilization to an understanding of western European history until the Twelfth century?
3. "The clash of church and empire in the Investiture controversy was inevitable". Was it?
4. The German historian Oswald Spengler describes certain periods in history as "merovingian" (with a small 'm'). What kind of period do you think he had in mind?

