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English 246  
Third World Literature  
Final Examination  
Fall 1996

Time: 2 Hours

Write an essay on **one** of the following issues:

First Question:

Childhood battered, and tormented, innocence besieged and assailed is one theme that we have encountered in several texts. Discuss the manner in which this theme is broached and developed in Toni Morrison, Fuentes and Al-Shaykh. In your opinion, what would prompt these and other authors to foreground this theme and use it as a leitmotif?

Second Question:

If there is a note of despair in Third World literature, it emanates from the writers' realization that in the wake of the great liberation movements of the mid-century, rancid political regimes and rampant corruption now hold sway with no redemption in sight. This has driven certain authors to devise elaborate imagery and organic metaphors that capture this abysmal state of affairs. Survey this imagery in four of the works you have read.

