

CIVILIZATION SEQUENCE 230
FEMINIST THEORY

FINAL EXAMINATION: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1996

AT 8:00 A.M. IN 500 NICELY

TIME: 2 1/2 HOURS

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I. Answer the following question:

1. Key Ebeling said, *"The main message of feminism was: woman, you don't need a man: remember, those of you around 40, the phrase: 'A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle?' That joke circulated through 'consciousness raising' groups across the country in the '70s. It was a philosophy that made divorce and cohabitation casual and routine. Feminism made woman disposable. So today a lot females are around 40 and single with a couple of kids to raise on their own. Child support payments might pay for a few pairs of shoes, but in general, feminism gave men all the financial and personal advantages over women."*
 - (a) Explain the quotation carefully by defining the problem(s).
 - (b) Choose one (or more) feminist theory to refute it.
 - (c) Do you agree with the quotation? Why?

II. Discuss at length ONE of the following:

1. *"To the degree that a person is deprived of power over his or her own body, that person is deprived of his or her humanity."*
 - (a) Explain quotation and identify the problem.
 - (b) How would the different feminist theories deal with this issue?
 - (c) What is your opinion?
2. Explain how the different feminist theories (radicals, psychoanalysts, socialists) addressed themselves to the slogan *"anatomy is destiny."* What is your own opinion?
3. Explain the socialist feminist slogan, *"a woman's place is everywhere."* How would the liberal and radical feminists adopt or refute this slogan? What is your own opinion?

III. Answer both questions:

1. In what way(s) has this course affected you?
2. Are there any recommendations or suggestions you would like to make?