



## FINAL EXAMINATION

C.S. 230

TIME: 2 1/2 hours

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I. Answer the first question: (50%)

1. "Men and women live on a stage, on which they act out their assigned roles, equal in importance. The play cannot go on without both kinds of performers. Neither of them 'contributes' more or less to the whole; neither is marginal or dispensable. But the stage is set, conceived, painted, defined by men. Men have written the play, have directed the show, interpreted the meanings of the action. They have assigned themselves the most interesting, most heroic parts, giving women the supporting roles". Gerda Lerner, The Creation of Patriarchy.
  - a. Explain the quotation by describing what the condition of women is like.
  - b. How do the different theorists you have read describe women's condition and analyze it ?
  - c. What is your own opinion ? Is there a woman's condition ? Is there a solution ?

II. Answer ONE of the following: (40%)

1. "No slave is a slave to the same lengths, and in so full a sense of the word, as a wife is".
  - a. Explain what John Stuart Mill meant by this statement.
  - b. Which of the feminist theories you studied this semester would agree with him ? Why ?
  - c. Do you agree ? Why ?
2. Explain how the different feminist theories you studied this semester would address themselves to the slogan "anatomy is destiny". What is your own opinion ?
3. Choose ONE of the movies you have seen this semester and critique it from a feminist perspective.

III. Answer both questions: (10%)

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

