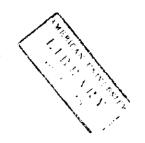


History 229
Final Exam
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Answer any two of the following questions:

- 1. In the early years of his reign, Caliph Abd al-Malik had to face several major obstacles. What were these obstacles? What main measures did he undertake to consolidate his authority?
- 2. Discuss the origins of Shiism, down to early Abbasid times, emphasizing the main landmarks in the development of the Twelver Imami doctrines.
- 3. Discuss the background and causes of success of the Abbassid Revolution.
- 4. What was the cause of the civil war between al-Amin and al-Ma'mun? How would you assess al-Ma'mun's reign?

