

Final Exam Questions
ENGL 4450
Total Points 300
Due Date:

Please answer all questions.
Each answer must be at least three double spaced pages
Cite from the text to elaborate your points.

Question 1:

How does Rushdie prove, over the course of the novel, that Sinai's fate is inherently connected with that of India? And if the case is so, what kind of a future does the novel represent for India? Please discuss in detail with appropriate citations from the text.

Question 2:

Compared to *Midnight's Children*, *Shame* is a much darker novel. Keeping the main plot of the novel in mind, discuss the following:

- a. What makes the novel so dark and dismal? Provide cited instances from the novel to prove your point.
- b. What role do the metafictional asides, inserted at various places in the novel, play in our perception of the fictional or real Pakistan?

Question 3:

In your opinion, what made the *Satanic Verses* so controversial? Please discuss using specific citations from the text. Please also discuss the following:

- a. Why would the novel be offensive to practicing Muslims? Discuss with citations from the text.
- b. Would the novel have otherwise garnered the same attention if it had not become controversial? Argue for or against.