Please answer two questions. They must be from different sections. You are allowed a total of four hours to complete this exam (two hours per question.) You are on your honor not to consult any materials, including notes or papers or anything stored in your computer. You are also on your honor not to discuss the exam or its content with any faculty or student until the exam period is over.

**Section A**

1) Does Burckhardt still have things to teach us about how we should interpret the Italian Renaissance?

2) In what ways did Machiavelli transform Renaissance political thought?

3) How did early modern monarchs use courtly culture to reinforce their power?

4) Did women have a Renaissance?

**Section B**

5) What part did the means of mass communication play in the Protestant Reformation?

6) Explain the success of Luther and Lutheranism in Germany up to 1555.

7) Was it the religious orders or the clergy which played a more important role in reinvigorating Catholicism during the Counter-Reformation?

8) Was the quest for confessional uniformity crucial to the development of the early modern state?

**Section C**

9) How did encounters with new worlds change early modern Europe?

10) Should the concept of class still be used in explanations of early modern revolts?

11) How successful has recent historiography been in rethinking the history of the Mediterranean world in the early modern period?

12) Was magic an integral part of the belief system of early modern Europe?