



Høgskolen i Telemark

SLUTTEKSAMEN

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Vedlegg:

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ANSWER ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. The magistrate, the blind girl and Colonel Joll are probably the three most central characters in J.M. Coetzee's *Waiting for the Barbarians* (1980). Discuss a) the function and significance of these characters; and b) to what extent you would read the novel against the background of South Africa at the time when the novel was published.
2. "Alice Munro's short story 'Dimensions' is a study of gender roles, which shows that very little has improved in terms of women's emancipation over the last three decades." Discuss the story in light of this statement.
3. Compare and contrast Cormac McCarthy's novel *The Road* and Sean Penn's film *Into the Wild*. You should focus on such elements as structure, the main characters' journeys, and the presentation of nature and civilization.