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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For the following qualifications :-

B. A.

Spanish S601B: Borges and Cortazar

COURSE CODE : **SPAN601B**

UNIT VALUE : **0.50**

DATE : **14-MAY-02**

TIME : **10.00**

TIME ALLOWED : **2 hours**

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SPANISH S601B Borges and Cortazar

Candidates should answer **TWO** questions

Essays may be written in either Spanish or English, but no extra credit will be given for answers in Spanish.

Candidates should not base more than ONE answer on a particular work.

Candidates should not base their answers on any text or texts used extensively in their course-work essays.

1. EITHER a) 'The more we speculate, the more perplexed we become.' Discuss this view in relation to Borges's stories.

OR b) 'Prevalece la idea de que la biblioteca, los libros, empobrecen y las vidas elementales de los hombre simples son la verdad.' Assess this comment in relation to Borges's stories.

OR c) Examine how Borges's 'escepticismo esencial' is conveyed in his stories.

2. EITHER a) 'In Cortázar's stories we are given a sense that ill-defined powers govern existence and that people are inclined to submit to such powers without questioning.' Discuss.

OR b) 'En sus relatos vemos la puesta en duda del concepto mismo de "normalidad"'. Discuss.

OR c) Examine how Cortázar's stories capture what he called the 'baluceo arquetípico.'

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