

ORIENTAL STUDIES TRIPOS Part II

Monday 6 June 2011 09.00 – 12.00

IS.21 MIDDLE EASTERN AND ISLAMIC HISTORY, 5

Answer **three** questions.

All questions carry **equal** marks.

Write your number **not** your name on the cover sheet of **each** answer book that you use.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

20 Page Answer Book x 1

Rough Work Pad

You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages of this question paper until instructed that you may do so by the Invigilator

Answer *three* of the following questions:

- 1 To what extent could Ogedei Qa'an be considered the real founder of the Mongol Empire?
- 2 How do you account for the longevity of the 'Golden Horde' compared with the Il-Khanate in Iran?
- 3 What was the Mongols' attitude to religion both in the course of their conquests and in their dealings with the subject populations?
- 4 How did the Central Asian khanates recover from the disaster of the Toluid coup?
- 5 What were the important elements in the relations between the Mongol Empire and the European West?
- 6 How did the Mongols' encounter with the Mamluks of Egypt differ from their encounter with the Mamluk Sultanate of Delhi?
- 7 How well did the Mongols make the transition from conquering Asia to ruling an empire?
- 8 What common factors link the collapse of Mongol rule in Iran and China in the 14th century?
- 9 Discuss the sources and main characteristics of the literary and artistic creativity that flourished in Iran during the Il-Khanid period.

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