

ORIENTAL STUDIES TRIPOS Part II

Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies

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Friday 5 June 2009      09.00 – 12.00

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**IS.21            MIDDLE EASTERN AND ISLAMIC HISTORY, 5**

*Candidates should answer **THREE** questions.  
All questions carry **equal** weight.*

*Write your number **not** your name on the cover sheet of **each** Answer Book.*

**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.**

Candidates must answer **three** questions:

1. ““Who are all the Ottomans?” [The officer replied] “What a strange question”” [Ömer Seyfettin, *Hürriyet Bayrakları*, in Ömer Seyfettin, *Bomba*, Ankara: Bilgi Yayınevi, 1998, p. 105]. To what extent did Turks need ‘creating’ in 1923?
2. How secure was the early Republic both internally and externally?
3. In what ways did the Kemalist government of the early Republic seek to mould loyalty to the new Turkish nation?
4. Discuss the role of Islam in 20<sup>th</sup>-century Turkish politics.
5. To what extent did the military coups of 1960, 1971 and 1980 share a common motivation?
6. “We are unhappy about the destructive interference of those who are not Arab in the affairs of Arab countries” [statement issued by Arab foreign ministers at a meeting on Gaza in Abu Dhabi, 5 February 2009]. Discuss Turkish-Arab relations in the post-Cold War era.
7. Discuss the development of Alevis as political players since 1983.
8. To what extent does it make sense to talk of an urban-rural divide in a Turkish context?
9. Discuss the impact of the *gecekondu* on the social and political landscape of Turkey over the last half century.

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