

ORIENTAL STUDIES TRIPOS Part II

Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies

Friday 29 May 2009 09.00 – 12.00

IS.23 MIDDLE EASTERN AND ISLAMIC HISTORY, 7

*Candidates should attempt **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.**

- 1 Are the Arabic sources we have a valid resource for writing a history of the Islamic conquest of the Maghrib and al-Andalus?
- 2 What role did city states play in the Islamisation of the Islamic West from the seventh to tenth century CE?
- 3 In what ways did the Umayyad amirate differ from the Umayyad caliphate in al-Andalus?
- 4 Why did the Almoravids give their allegiance to the 'Abbasid caliphs? Discuss.
- 5 How did western Islamic regimes use architecture to legitimate themselves before their subjects and visitors? Make detailed reference to at least one dynasty.
- 6 What made Almohadism unique and why was it ultimately unsuccessful?
- 7 How important was ideology to **either** the Marinids of Morocco **or** the Nasrids of Granada?
- 8 Is it useful to compare the experience of the Mudéjars to that of Christians and Jews in Muslim al-Andalus?
- 9 What image of al-Andalus does al-Maqqari give in his *Nafh al-Tib* and how realistic do you think it is?

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