

ORIENTAL STUDIES TRIPOS Part I

Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies

Friday 30 May 2008 09.00 – 12.00

IS.2 ARABIC LANGUAGE, 2

*Candidates should attempt **all** questions.*

*Write your number **not** your name on the cover sheet of **each** Section booklet.*

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. Translate the following extract from a discussion of the impact of satellite broadcasting on Arab-Islamic society into **Arabic** [40 marks]:

Arab-Islamic society is highly defensive of its traditions and cultural heritage, and researchers throughout the area have conducted many studies seeking to examine the impact of satellite broadcasting, particularly on Arab-Islamic cultural practices and attitudes. There is a broad perception that satellite broadcasting represents a form of cultural imperialism which allows Western culture to penetrate the boundaries of the Islamic world unchecked.

The notion that satellite broadcasting carries alien values also acts as a barrier for women in general and young girls in particular, since their parents do not want them to be subject to its content. Some fathers in the Gulf states believe that satellite programmes are pornographic, and ask their sons-in-law to promise not to allow their newly wedded daughters to have access to satellite television. Harbi (1996) argues that girls in the Arab world who are exposed to satellite channels aspire to travel to the West, especially the United States and Europe.

إباحي pornographic

HUSSEIN AMIN, *Transnational Broadcasting Studies*, No. 6, Spring/Summer 2001, p. 2 (adapted).

2. Write an essay of about **250** words in **Arabic** on **one** of the following [40 marks]:

- أ. استعرض/ي إنجازات الحضارة العربية-الإسلامية في أوروبا.
 ب. اكتب/ي سيرة حياة شخصية من الأدب العربي الحديث.
 ج. ما هي الأشياء التي يجب أن تضمنها الحكومة في رأيك؟
 د. ما هي وظيفة اللغة في رأيك؟ وما هو وضع اللغة العربية بالنسبة لهذا؟

