IS.9 MIDDLE EASTERN AND ISLAMIC HISTORY, 2

Candidates should answer THREE questions: one from each Section. 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.
SECTION A

1 What factors account for the success of the early Ottoman state?

2 To what extent was the fall of Constantinople to Mehmed II in 1453 a momentous event?

3 Discuss the development of Ottoman naval power during the 15th and early 16th centuries.

SECTION B

4 Discuss the changes in the position of the sultan from the beginnings of the Ottoman state to the late 17th century.

5 What factors led to the Patrona Halil revolt in 1730?

6 “The peasants create the treasury, the treasury creates the soldiers and the soldiers create the sultan” [Hasan Ağa, leader of the Janissaries, to Mehmed IV in 1658, in Naima, Tarih-i Naime, Mehmet İşirli (ed.) Ankara, 2007), vol. IV, p. 1653]. Discuss this statement in relation to the importance of the Janissaries in Istanbul politics in the 17th to the early 19th centuries.

SECTION C

7 To what extent was the Tanzimat a product of the reign of Mahmud II?

8 How sick was “the sick man of Europe” in the 19th century?

9 Account for Ottoman entry into the First World War on the side of Germany.

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