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Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part IB

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Friday 09 Jun 2017

9 to 12.00 pm

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## Paper MES16

### Hebrew literature (special topics)

*This paper will be divided into two sections. **Section A** will contain four questions on Modern Hebrew culture and **Section B** will contain four questions on Medieval Hebrew texts. Candidates will pick **one** section from which they must answer **all four** questions.*

*All questions carry **equal** marks.*

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

### STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

*20 page answer booklet*

*Rough Work Pad*

### SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE SUPPLIED FOR THIS EXAMINATION

*None*

**You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages of this question paper until instructed to do so.**

## Section A

1. The portrayal of Zionist pioneers in early Israeli films can be described as quasi-religious or mythological. Explain this statement using some of the secondary materials you read, choose one scene that exemplifies this statement and describe that scene in **HEBREW** (150-words). [25 marks]
2. Discuss the portrayal of Jewish religious imagery in the film *Kunilemi* **BOTH** in the context of Israeli cultural history **AND** in light of some contemporary film theories that deal with medium specificity, the history of film theory etc. Choose one scene from the film to illustrate this portrayal and describe that scene in **HEBREW** (150-words). [25 marks]
3. Is the portrayal of Jewish religiosity “negative” or “positive” in the film *Officer Azoulay*? Contextualize your reply in the visual history of Israeli-Jewish religiosity and give examples from the film. Describe one of the scenes you choose as example in **HEBREW** (150-words). [25 marks]
4. The film *God's Neighbors* presents a contemporary, hybrid image of Jewish religiosity that is based on the history of Israeli-Jewish religiosity but transcends it. Explain this statement and give examples from the film. Describe one of these examples in **HEBREW** (150-words). [25 marks]

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