



AET1

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part IB

Tuesday 6 June 2017 13:30 to 16.30

Paper MES19

The formation of the modern Middle East

Answer **three** 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.

1. What did 'modernisation' mean in the context of the nineteenth-century Middle East and North Africa?
2. Why did Jamal al-Din al-Afghani pretend to be a Sunni rather than a Shi'i Muslim?
3. To what extent did Arabism reshape notions of identity prior to World War 1 and how did it prepare the way for Arab nationalism?
4. **Either** Do you see twentieth-century nationalism and Islamism as complementary or contradictory?
Or Was the Arab Spring a success or a failure for political Islam?
5. What were the main successes and failures of Iran's 1905 Constitutional Revolution?
6. How significant was the White Revolution of 1963 in preparing the way for the Islamic Revolution of 1979?
7. How did the non-Arab states of the Middle East react to the Arab Uprisings and what do these reactions reveal about regional identity in the contemporary Middle East?
8. Explain how Zionism reconciled its socialist elements with its nationalist elements.

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