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. Who wanted to see a military ‘new order’ in the Middle East and which social groups opposed this and why?

2. Compare the impetus for reform and the experiences of the Ottoman Empire and Iran in enacting change during the nineteenth century.

3. How did the meaning of the term jihad mutate and develop during the nineteenth century and why was it deployed so widely?

4. What do you understand by the term ‘Arabism’ (ʿurūba) and how did its emergence change politics in the Ottoman Middle East?

5. What changes did either colony or protectorate status bring to Middle Eastern and North African territories? Choose one case study.

6. Either What were the main objectives of the Constitutional Movement in Iran and how far were they achieved?  
   Or What were the issues at stake in the Oil Crisis of 1951-53 in Iran and what were the longer-term effects of its dénouement?

7. What social and political issues did the Muslim Brotherhood address in twentieth-century Egypt and why did Nasser see it as a threat?

8. What were the major characteristics of the Jewish Yishuv in Palestine prior to the establishment of the state and how were they challenged in the transition to statehood after 1948?

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