



AET1

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part IB

Monday 08 June 2015 9 to 12.00 pm

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 'The Ottoman empire experienced repeated crises in the period between 1600-1800, but successfully adapted to changed circumstances.' Discuss.
- 2 'Islam, not Western Enlightenment thought, was the main inspiration for Ottoman reform in the nineteenth century.' Discuss.
- 3 How far did Britain and France remain committed to the founding principles of the Mandates established in the Middle East after the First World War?
- 4 To what extent did Egypt's loss of regional dominance after 1967 leave a vacuum in the power politics of the Arabic-speaking Middle East?
- 5 What were the main aims of the reforming ministers in nineteenth-century Persia and what were the obstacles they faced?
- 6 What was the legacy of the Constitutional Revolution in Persia?
- 7 The events of the 'White Revolution' of 1961-63 were like a dress rehearsal for the Islamic revolution in Iran in 1978. Discuss
- 8 What were some of the differences between Herzlian Zionism and the Zionist ideology preached and practised in the Yishuv in Palestine?

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