

AET1
ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES TRIPOS PART IB

Middle Eastern Studies

Thursday 29 May 2014 13.30 – 16.30

Paper MES 19

**The Formation Of The Modern Middle East
(Paper 23 of the HISTORICAL TRIPOS PART II, HSTII)**

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 Book x 1
Rough Work Pad

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

None

**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.**

1 To what extent can the Constitutional Revolution in Iran be considered a success and what factors limited its achievements?

2 **Either** (a) How, if at all, did Musaddiq's brand of nationalism differ from that of the Pahlavi monarchs?

Or (b) What was the legacy of the Shah of Iran's land reform and "White Revolution" of 1961-63?

3 To what extent was the Ottoman eighteenth century an 'age of decentralisation'?

4 'Abdül Hamid's reign marked a clean break from the Tanzimat.' Discuss.

5 Discuss the importance of religious vocabulary to anti-colonial resistance in the Middle East and North Africa with detailed reference to two examples.

6 Why was the notion of 'Urūba (Arabness) so appealing between 1900 and 1967 and what was its impact on politics in the Middle East?

7 What role did the Muslim Brotherhood play in shaping modern Egyptian society?

8 **Either** (a) Describe the European origins of Zionism and the changes the movement underwent after its establishment in Palestine.

Or (b) Describe some of the key cultural developments of Yishuv society in its attempt to create a native Jewish or Hebrew society in Palestine.

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