



ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES TRIPOS PART IB

Middle Eastern Studies

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**MES. 19 THE FORMATION OF THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST**

Answer **three** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

Answer **each** question in a **separate** answer booklet.

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

**STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS**

*8 Page Answer Book x 3*

*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.**

Answer **three** of the following questions

- 1 How much had changed between the efforts of Amir Kabir and those of Mirza Husain Khan to reform Qajar government, in terms of their aims, methods and failures?
- 2 Why is it significant that in his memoir, *Mission for My Country*, Muhammad Reza Shah Pahlavi referred to the coup that restored him to the throne in 1953 as a “miracle” that revealed the people’s love for him? Discuss some other readings of the overthrow of Musaddiq.
- 3 How was the Shi’i clerical establishment able to emerge as the dominant force in Iranian politics by 1979?
- 4 Describe some of the cultural innovations of early Palestinian Zionism as well as the context and the background to them.
- 5 Discuss how Jewish immigration to Israel after 1948 transformed the country.
- 6 Explain the term *nizam-i cedit*. Why did it face resistance and how did rulers respond?
- 7 How did Islamic reform develop in the century between 1850 and 1950 and how did it interact with nationalism?
- 8 What were the main forms of European colonialism in the Middle East and North Africa between 1830 and 1930? Why did they change over time?

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