

ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES Part IB

Middle Eastern Studies

Monday 13 June 2011

09.00 – 12.00

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 that you use.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

8 Page Answer Book x 3

A Rough Work Pad

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 In what ways did Ottoman society change in the nineteenth century?
- 2 Assess the role of the European powers in Iran during the nineteenth century and their impact on the internal development of the country.
- 3 What was the significance of *jihād* and *ijtihād* for Muslim reform movements of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries?
- 4 What were the main developments in the history of the Zionist movement between 1880 and 1948?
- 5 To what extent was **EITHER** Islamic modernism **OR** Arabism a product of colonialism?
- 6 To what extent does the Republic of Turkey owe its existence to the Greek invasion?
- 7 How important was the oil crisis of 1952 in redefining Iran's international position and determining the future internal development of its political life?
- 8 "Like it or not, ours is a military society *par excellence*. This militarism is the central organizing principle around which Israeli society revolves, works, determines its boundaries, its identity and the accepted rules of the game" (Baruch Kimmerling, 1993). Can Israeli militarism be traced back to the events surrounding the establishment of the State of Israel?

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