

ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES TRIPOS Part IB

Middle Eastern Studies

Friday 28 May 2010

09.00 – 12.00

MES.19 THE FORMATION OF THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST

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

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

8 page Answer Book x 3

A Rough Work Pad

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

None.

<p>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</p>
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- 1 Discuss the gradual adaptations of the notion of *jihād* which appeared as responses to the Muslim encounter with Europeans in the nineteenth century.
- 2 To what extent was Mahmud II the 'father' of the Tanzimat?
- 3 "The promulgation of the Iranian constitution of 1906-1907 marked the triumph of secularist trends. It ushered in the era of institutional changes and underscored the shrinking of ulama authority in society" (Mongol Bayat). Discuss.
- 4 With reference to either Arabism or Turkism, or both, analyse the emergence of new forms of cultural identity in the late Ottoman empire and their interaction with the past.
- 5 What were the central issues that confronted the Zionist movement from its inception until the establishment of the state of Israel?
- 6 How successful was Reza Shah Pahlavi in resolving the problems that had beset the previous Qajar regime?
- 7 One could argue that the overthrow of Musaddiq in 1953 was ultimately a defeat for the monarchy as well as for democracy in Iran. Do you agree?
- 8 How did Muslims reformulate Islam in order to compete in the increasingly secular public sphere in the early twentieth century?

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