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.

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 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 olama 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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