



AET1

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part IB

Thursday 30 May 2019 09.00 to 12.00

Paper MES20

Anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

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

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

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

8 page answer booklet x 3

Rough Work Pad

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE SUPPLIED FOR THIS EXAMINATION

None

You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages of this question paper until instructed to do so.

Answer **three** of the following questions.

1. What is “thinking anthropologically” when it comes to the Middle East? Discuss in relation to **TWO** of the following:
 - a) Methodology
 - b) Objectivity
 - c) Ethics
 - d) Political Challenges

2. What have been the long-term impacts of Ottoman and Western colonial modernities in the making of the modern Middle East?

3. In what ways are *la mission civilisatrice* and the early production of anthropology bound up together?

4. What are the ideological ways in which modern nation-states have established themselves? Discuss with reference to **TWO** of the following:
 - a) Gender
 - b) Social Class
 - c) Media
 - d) Education

5. What is the value of material culture, e.g. food, song or film, to the study of anthropology?

6. How do language and power relate to one another, and why is this important for the anthropology of North Africa?

7. How central is gender in the formation of nationalism in the Middle East and North Africa? Discuss with ethnographic examples.

8. What is the significance of Diaspora and/or Transnationalism to Anthropology with specific reference to a Middle Eastern or North African 'home' country?

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