



AET1

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part IB

Monday 12 June 2017, 13:30-16:30

Paper MES20

Themes in the Anthropology of Islam

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 distinctive about an anthropological approach to Islam?
- 2 Discuss the influence of Edward Said's "Orientalism" on ethnographic writing.
- 3 **Either:** To what extent is it helpful to think of Islam as a discursive tradition, and why?

Or: "There is too much Islam in the anthropology of Islam" (Schielke). Discuss.

- 4 How has Islam been shaped by conditions of capitalism and/or neoliberalism? Discuss using ethnographic examples.
- 5 To what extent does Islam guide moral decision-making in the ethnographies that you have read?
- 6 Analyse the role of ritual in at least two Muslim communities.
- 7 Discuss the relationship between racial and religious identity in one or more ethnographic works you have studied.
- 8 What has feminist scholarship contributed to our understanding of the Muslim Middle East?

END OF PAPER

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