MES. 20  CONTEMPORARY MIDDLE EASTERN POLITICS AND SOCIETY

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.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS
8 Page Answer Book x 3
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.
Answer **three** of the following questions

1. Discuss the anthropological approach to understanding and analysing history, drawing on readings you have studied this year.

2. What does Esra Ozyurek mean by ‘nostalgia for the modern’ and what does this add to our understanding of everyday nationalism in Turkey?

3. In what sense can the Egyptian piety movement studied by Saba Mahmood be considered ‘non-liberal’?

4. What does anthropology bring to the study of bioethics in the Middle East?

5. **Either**

   How can Benedict Anderson’s notion of ‘imagined communities’ (in relation to nationalism) be applied to migration and the formation of group identities among migrant and/or ‘host’ communities? Discuss with reference to Kuwait and/or Algeria/France.

   **Or**

   In what sense is Kuwait a ‘plural society’ according to Ang Nga Longva and how does this concept help us to understand the dynamics of labour migration explored in her ethnography?

6. ‘The Middle East is an invention of the West’. Discuss.

7. How does anthropological research challenge the long-held view that violence is a ‘state of exception’?

8. How does the micro-level focus of anthropology add to our knowledge of larger processes of change in the Middle East?

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