

ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES TRIPOS PART IB

Middle Eastern Studies

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**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	SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
<i>8 Page Answer Book x 3</i>	<i>None</i>
<i>Rough Work Pad</i>	

**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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