Paper MES41

Comparative Semitic Linguistics

Answer three questions. All questions carry equal marks.

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

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

20 page answer booklet
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.
1. Describe the ways in which the genetic tree model and the wave model have been applied to the classification of Semitic languages.

2. Discuss the relationship of Arabic to Hebrew within the classification of Semitic?

3. Describe the historical development of the Semitic velar and pharyngeal consonants.

4. Describe the historical development of Semitic sibilant consonants.

5. Discuss the historical development of nominal inflection and external plural markers in Semitic.

6. Describe the various forms of definite article that developed in Semitic languages.

7. What is the historical background of the suffix conjugation and prefix conjugation verbal forms in Arabic and Hebrew?

8. Discuss the concept of morphological root in Semitic languages.

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