Paper MES 7

Introduction to the Contemporary Middle East

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 questions below

1. Why did some Arabs remain committed to the Ottoman Empire to the very end?

2. To what extent did the Mandate system mark a break with older forms of imperialism?

3. What was the cumulative outcome of the Iranian Oil Crisis of the early 1950s and the ‘White Revolution’ in Iran a decade later?

4. How does the ethnographies you have studied complicate the idea that “honour and shame” is a Mediterranean morality code?

5. Give a brief survey of the Semitic languages that are currently spoken in the Middle East and their genetic relationships.

6. Discuss the meaning of diglossia in the Arabic-speaking world and the principles that are used to describe it?

7. Why was the first Iranian Academy formed? What are the similarities and differences among all three Academies? How successful have they been?

8. In what sense can it be claimed that the Hebrew language created modern Hebrew culture from scratch? Describe the process and give examples.

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