

### OSM1

Examination in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies for the Degree of Master of Philosophy

Thursday 02 June 2016 09.00 to 12.00

## Paper MJR3

## Cairo Genizah

Answer **all** questions in sections A and B, and **one** of the three questions in section C. All sections carry **equal** value.

Write your number <u>**not**</u> 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.

## Section A

# ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION

1. Translate the following passage into English and comment on points of interest.

Cambridge University Library T-S Misc. 20.92 (edited by Khan 1993, 439)

2. Translate the following passage into English and comment on points of interest.

Cambridge University Library T-S Ar. 38.87 (edited by Khan 1993, 295)

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3. Translate the following passage into English and comment on points of interest.

Cambridge University Library T-S Ar 42.158 (edited by Khan 1993, 330)

## Section **B**

4. Translate the following unseen passage into English:

Cambridge University Library T-S 8Ja1.1 (edited by Khan 1993, 267)

Vocabulary:	حيلة	-	physical description;	جبهة	-	forehead
	مقرون	-	joined;	خفي	-	fine
	عنفقة	-	hair between the lower lip and chin			

## Section C

## ANSWER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

5. Is it accurate to describe the experience of Jews under Islamic rule as overwhelmingly subject to discrimination, based on what the Cairo Genizah sources reveal about daily life in the Islamicate?

6. What evidence is there from the Cairo Genizah about the interaction of Jewish institutions with Muslim legal authorities?

7. 'Second class citizenship ... is a kind of citizenship'. Discuss with respect to the Jewish experience under Muslim rule.

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