

AET1

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part IB

Easter 2021

Paper MES19

The formation of the modern Middle East

Answer **three** questions. All questions carry **equal** marks.

The **word limit** for each question is **1500** words.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE SUPPLIED FOR THIS EXAMINATION

Student declaration form

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Answers may be written by hand in **black ink** or typed.

If written by hand, upload your answers as a scan or image file.

If typed, upload them in a document, such as a Word document or PDF.

Files should be saved as MES19_[your number].

Write your number **not** your name as well as the paper code (MES19) on each page of your submission.

Upload a completed student declaration form as a separate file.

RESOURCES PERMITTED FOR THIS EXAMINATION

Your exam answers must be entirely your own new and original work, with any quotations clearly marked as such. You may use your own notes and any primary or secondary sources in preparing your answers if you wish to do so.

The exam will begin as soon as you open the file containing the questions. Once begun you will have six hours to complete the exam.

Answer **three** of the following questions.

1. To what extent did the *Tanzimat* reforms strengthen the social and political unity of the Ottoman Empire?
2. Explain the significance of concessions in Iran (with reference to at least 2 specific examples).
3. The nation-state borders established in the Middle East post-World War I are often described as being artificial. Discuss.
4. Discuss some of the changes Zionism as a national ideology underwent in its transition from Europe to Palestine in the first decades of the 20th century.
5. To what extent was Reza Shah the founder of modern Iran?
6. In what ways did the Suez War of 1956 influence the evolution of Arab Nationalism?
7. What were the intellectual origins of the 1979 revolution in Iran?
8. The uprisings of the Arab Spring signalled a resurgence of pan-Arabism. Discuss.

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