

AET1

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part IB

Tuesday 07 Jun 09.00am-12.00pm

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.*

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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. You must not copy text from your own supervision essays.

Answer **three** of the following questions.

1. “The Tanzimat reforms have often been seen as a result of Western influences on the Ottoman legal and political establishment. Alternatively, many scholars have preferred to see them as belonging to an indigenous Islamic and/or Ottoman tradition of reform.” Discuss.
2. **Either:** What impact did the West have on Iran during the nineteenth century?
Or: How did Reza Shah’s reign transform Iran’s state and society?
3. How did North African thinkers respond to the challenge of modernity and French imperialism in the nineteenth century?
4. Discuss the tension between idealistic hopes and the experience of homelessness in the early Jewish settlement in Palestine.
5. How were Britain and France able to maintain their dominant positions in the Middle East for more than thirty years after the fall of the Ottoman Empire?
6. How did North Africans rethink their past in order to reshape their socio-political identities in the first half of the twentieth century?
7. Assess the historical significance of **either** the 1956 Suez Crisis **or** the 1967 Six-Day War on regional politics in the Middle East.
8. To what extent was the 1979 revolution in Iran an ‘Islamic’ revolution?

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