

---

UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA

Second Semester Examination  
Academic Session 2006/2007

April 2007

**HSI 243 – HISTORY OF WEST ASIA**

Duration: 3 hours

---

Please check that this examination paper consists of TWO pages of printed material before you begin the examination.

Answer FOUR question only.

1. To what extent did the Tanzimat Policy in the period between the reigns of Sultan Selim III and Sultan Abdul Hamid II successfully modernize the Turkey-Ottoman Empire?
2. The Arab Revolt led by Sharif Hussein of Hijaz in 1916 was the most important cause of the collapse of the Ottoman Empire at the early of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Discuss.
3. Evaluate the success of the Pan Islamism policy and modernization process under King Faysal towards Saudi Arabia's development before 1975.
4. Do you agree that the economic reformation under Muhamad Ali Pasha was more successful than the socialist economic policy of President Gemal Abdul Nasser towards Egypt's modernization?
5. Discuss the policy and reaction of the British government towards the creation of Israel in 1948 by the international Zionist movement.
6. Michael Ben Oren (2000) concluded in his writing, "Six Day War of 1967" that the major cause of the war was increasing Palestinian guerilla infiltrations across Israel's border. To what extent do you agree with his conclusion?
7. The weaknesses of Nuri al-Sa'id's administration created dissatisfaction among military generals which later became the major cause of the July Revolution 1958 in Iraq lead by General 'Abdul Karim Qasim. Debate.
8. To what extent was the Civil war in Lebanon (1943-1975) the result of France's "divide and rule policy" in Syria from 1920 to 1943?