

Middle East Politics First Exam Review Sheet

1. What is an anti-Semite?
2. After the death of his uncle where did Mohammad and his followers go to?
3. Where are the countries that produce oil in the Middle East mainly located?
4. Who were the first converts into Islam?
5. What does a Muslim man have to do when he marries more than one woman?
6. What does the term "Jihad" mean?
7. What are the beliefs of Arab Nationalism?
8. From 1680 on, what was the Ottoman Empire known as in European elite circles?
9. How do Iranian Muslims differ from Arab Muslims?
10. What were the Capitulations?
11. According to Islamic law, what happens to Muslim woman's property when she gets married?
12. What were Muhammad's first four successors were known as?
13. What happened to Arab Nationalism since 1967? What replaced it?
14. What impact did the professional middle class have on political development?
15. Which sect in Islam is considered to be mystical and evoking martyrdom?
16. What is an Arab?
17. According to your book, what is the "neopatriarchal state?"
18. What are the sources of Islamic law?
19. During what period was Arab Nationalism at the peak of its power?
20. Who was the first rightful caliph?
21. Who are the Kurds?
22. What are the characteristics of Middle Eastern oil?
23. What were the recommendations of the King-Crane Commission?
24. What era was the strongest age of Islamic civilization?
25. What does the saying "my cousin and I against the stranger, and my brother and I against my cousin," exemplify?
26. Who was Antun Saade?
27. Who were the "people of the book?"
28. Who was the last rightful caliph?
29. What is the difference between Zakat and Sadaqa?
30. What are the five pillars of Islam?
31. What makes a political system developed?

32. Who did the traditional family include?
33. What problem did Arab tribal ethics often lead to?
34. In which sect of Islam do Alawites and Druzes have their roots?
35. What was the socio-economic background of Muhammad?
36. Why did the professional middle class fail to politically develop the Middle East?
37. What are the two most important river systems in the Middle East?
38. According to your book, what is the relationship between dependence on oil as an export and industrialization in a Middle Eastern country?
39. Which rightful caliph was responsible for largest expansion of the Umma?
40. What did the Sykes-Picot agreement entail?
41. What is the “patriarchal gender contract,” according to your book?
42. What did Western political scientists believe about the professional middle class?
43. What is the source of professional middle class power?
44. Give examples of informal and institutional interest groups in the Middle East.
45. How is class defined in the Middle East?
46. What are the Hadith and the Sunna?
47. What was the Ottoman millet system?
48. What is Taqiyya?
49. What does the rise of the Alawites in Syria from the lower class to the ruling class an example of?
50. Who was Muhammad’s first wife?
51. What was the Young Turk movement?
52. What is “demographic islamization,” according to your book?
53. What is the relationship between a mother’s education and her fertility rate, according to your book?
54. How does population policy in Iran differ from population policy in Saudi Arabia, according to your book?
55. During the 2005-2010 period which Middle Eastern country had the highest fertility rate and which one had the lowest?
56. According to your book, do males or females have the higher unemployment rate in the Middle East?
57. What did the earliest revelation to Muhammad assert?
58. What was the 1916 Arab Revolt?
59. What three schemes did Britain engage in on the eve of WWI?
60. According to your book, has poverty in the Middle East been increasing or decreasing?
61. What is included in the Shiite belief system?
62. Why did Islam spread so quickly?

63. How did Muhammad's revelations in Mecca and Medina differ?
64. What are the three regions of the Middle East?
65. Which country had the largest population of poor people in the Middle East?
66. What were the roots of Arab Nationalism?
67. According to your book, what is the difference in the views of the elite minority who control the educational system in Egypt and the views of the masses?
68. What do religious revivalists seek?
69. Which country has the highest and which country has the lowest Internet users in the Middle East, according to your book?
70. How has modernization affected the extended family in the Middle East, according to your book?
71. What does the "Umma" refer to?
72. What is the basis of the Sunni-Shiite split?
73. What is "muta'a marriage" (temporary marriage), according to your book?
74. Which type of Islamic practice was the foundation of the modern state of Saudi Arabia?
75. Name some Islamic revivalist parties in the Middle East.
76. Why wasn't Muhammad persecuted during his stay in Mecca?
77. What was the Balfour Declaration?
78. Which countries were included in the original Sykes-Picot agreement?
79. What were the reasons for the decline of the Umayyad Empire?
80. What innovations did the Ottoman Empire create?
81. Who gave the Middle East region its name?
82. Who is exempt from fasting during the month of Ramadan?
83. According to your book, what were the two theories of state-building that emerged in the West?
84. In which states do the Kurds reside?
85. What is the Middle East a source of?
86. What are the strongest types of interest groups in the Middle East?
87. What type of group are the family and the army?
88. According to your book, what was the relationship between state and nation in the Middle East?
89. Why did Muhammad marry nine times?
90. According to your book, which two countries are examples of weak states in the Middle East?
91. Which two countries in the region are not urbanized?
92. What were some of the inventions/discoveries during the Abassid Empire?
93. Which countries in the region have low infant mortality and high life expectancy rates?
94. According to your book, which countries had the highest and lowest literacy rates in the Middle East?

95. According to your book, where do most Arab countries rank on the Human Development Index (HDI)?
96. According to your book, what do Iraq, Yemen, and Libya have in common?
97. Why did Islamic revivalist movements gain strength in the Middle East?
98. According to your book, what is the difference between a dynastic and non-dynastic monarchy?
99. Which family within Quraish did Muhammad come from?
100. What are the beliefs of the SSNP?
101. What are the beliefs of the Baath Party?
102. What was the United Arab Republic?
103. Which regimes were more resilient, monarchies or one-party regimes, during the 2010-2011 Arab uprisings?
104. What is the relationship between the struggle for independence and the longevity and stability of one-party regimes according to your book?
105. What are the three pathways to a one-party regime according to your book?
106. What was Hosni Mubarak's (president of Egypt until 2011) intent when he transitioned Egypt from a one-party regime to a dominant party regime?
107. According to your book, what is "dynastic republicanism?"
108. Which countries in the Middle East score high and which score low on the "rule of law" scale?