



History 227
Final Exam
January 31, 1996



Answer any two of the following questions:

1. Discuss the origins of the Hamdānids and the role they played in Syria in the tenth century.
2. What were the circumstances of Syria following the establishment of Fātimid power in Egypt? In what ways were the Syrian cities affected?
3. Discuss the reign of the al-Hākim(996-1021) and the development of the Druze religion. How was Syria affected?
4. Discuss the main outlines of the new order imposed by the Seljuk interlude in Syria. What brought about its breakdown and with what results on Syria?

