

Time: 2 hours



Second Semester

Final Examination

1995-1996

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Write an informative and well-organized essay on <u>any two</u> of the following questions:

- 1. What were the Frankish states set up in Syria during the Crusades. When and how were they founded and organized, and how were they run?
- 2. Trace the stages of the career of Saladin and assess its importance in the history of the medieval Near East.
- 3. To what extent was the Mamluk regime a continuation of the preceding Ayyubid regime, in what ways did Mamluk rule in Egypt and Syria differ from the preceding Ayyubid rule?
- 4. Discuss the diplomatic and commercial relations of the Mamluk sultanate.
- 5. In what respect does the whole period of the Circassian sultans, starting with Barquq, represent the decline of the Mamluk sultanate?

