

PSPA 305
FINAL EXAM
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Two Hours

I. (50%; 60 minutes) Answer five of the following six questions briefly but adequately.

1. Identify and briefly explain three reasons for the demise of Arab nationalism.
2. Identify and briefly explain three reasons for the rise of Islamic fundamentalism (*different* from the reasons in question 1)
3. Select and briefly explain the importance of three issues facing the contemporary Arab world.
4. Identify and briefly explain three main differences between the Arab communists (of the 1950s) and the New Left of the post-1967 period.
5. Identify and briefly explain three main differences between the Islamic fundamentalism of Hassan al-Banna and the Islamic fundamentalism of the post-1967 period.
6. Identify and briefly explain three main differences between the conception of the nation of Antoun Saadeh and Michel Chiha.

II. (50%; 60 minutes) Answer in full essay form, ONE of the following two questions. Make sure the essay is well-structured, well-argued, and well-written, with general references to authors and thinkers, and references as well to actual political events and case examples.

1. Democracy has *not* been a dominant theme in 20th century Arab political thought, yet it had its proponents and its manifestations. Discuss the marginal place of democracy in Arab nationalism, Arab leftism, and Islamic fundamentalism, and its central place in Egyptian and Lebanese nationalism. Discuss also the success or failure of actual democratic experiments in the Arab world. Finally, briefly analyze the future of democracy in the Arab world.
2. Ideology has been linked to sociological changes at the level of class, minorities, generations, and socio-economic or military crises. Analyze and explain the past, present, and future of modern Arab ideology using these tools. Does ideology have a future in the Arab world, and if so, of what type; and if not, what type of political thought is likely to flourish.

