



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014**

**FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS) AND  
BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(MAIN CAMPUS)**

**AHI 408: HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EAST SINCE 1900**

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

Time: 8.30 - 10.45 a.m.

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer ANY THREE questions.



AHI 408: HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EAST SINCE 1900

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1	EITHER discuss the rise of Saudi Arabia as a modern state in the Middle East OR explain the problems that confronted the French administration in Syria after the declaration of the mandate
2	Evaluate the view that British policy was the single most important factor responsible for the political problems in Palestine after the end of First World War.
3	Discuss the extent to which the Sykes-Picot agreement fomented the political upheavals in Syria.
4	Assess the central role played by oil in geopolitics of the Middle East.
5	The gulf war of 1991 – 1992 was the most unnecessary war to have been fought in the history of the Middle East. Explain.
6	The Arab Spring that has sent rattling shockwaves in the entire Middle East has been inevitable. Discuss.