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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For the following qualifications :-

M. A.

Hebrew G1: The Politics of the State of Israel to 1967

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TIME ALLOWED : **3 hours**

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TURN OVER

The Politics of the State of Israel to 1967

Answer THREE of the following questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Examine the reasons for the failure of Herut/Gahal to win power between 1948 and 1967.
2. To what extent did the Suez War (1956) represent a victory for 'the activists' over 'the moderates' in Israeli politics?
3. Examine the role of the United States in the creation of the State of Israel between 1945 and 1948.
4. Assess the importance of the formation of the Histadrut (1920) and Mapai (1930) on the Yishuv.
5. What, in your opinion, are the three most important books dealing with Israeli history up to 1967? Defend your choices.
6. Assess the extent to which the death of Jabotinsky in 1940 contributed to the splits within the Revisionists up to 1948.
7. Examine the key differences between Israel's 'new historians' and 'old historians' over the military balance between Israeli and Arab forces during the 1948 War.
8. To what extent did national goals take priority over socialist goals between 1948 and 1967?
9. Why did the Lavon Affair of 1954 become so important? Examine with reference to the conflict in Mapai between the 'young guard' and the 'party machine.'
10. Assess the extent to which the Arabs adopted a unified position towards Israel between 1956 and 1967.

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