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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**HIST 253: HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EAST**

**STREAMS: B.A ODEL**

**TIME:2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 11/12/2024**

**8.30 A.M. –10 30 A.M**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS.**
- **QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY**

1(a)How did the geographical features of Mesopotamia and Egypt influence the early civilizations in the Middle East.

(20marks)

(b)Outline the main achievements of the Sumerians in the Middle East (10marks)

2.Discuss the main factors that contributed to the rapid expansion of Islam in the Middle East (20marks)

3.What were the long-term effects of the crusades on the political land scape of the Middle East (20marks)

4.Discuss challenges that led to the decline of Ottoman Empire (20marks)

5.What were the main causes of the rise of Arab nationalism in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century(10marks)

(b)Discuss the impact of the Iraq-Iran war of 1980-1988 in the Middle East (10marks)