Examination Period 3: 2016/17

HIS303117N

Module Title: Algeria: French Rule and the War for Independence
Level: Six
Time Allowed: Two hours

Instructions to students:
- Enter your student number not your name on all answer books.
- Answer two questions: one from Section A and one from Section B.
- Section A carries 67% of the overall mark.
- Section B carries 33% of the overall mark.
- Begin each question in a separate answer book; label each answer book clearly with the number of the question you are answering.

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Section A

Answer one out of three questions.

1. How significant a threat was the OAS to France at home and in Algeria?

2. To what extent did France betray either the Pieds Noirs or the Harkis?

3. The uniqueness of Algeria’s status within the French Empire meant that war was inevitable. Discuss.

End of Section A
Section B follows overleaf
Section B

Comment on one of the following:


Only a person who knows nothing of the human heart can think that the French of Algeria can now forget the massacres in Philippeville. Conversely, only a madman can believe that repression, once unleashed, can induce the Arab masses to trust and respect France. So now we find ourselves pitted against one another, with each side determined to inflict as much pain as possible on the other, inexpiably. This thought is unbearable to me, and it poisons my days.

* Addressed to Aziz Kessous, an Algerian Socialist and former member of the Party of the Manifesto, published in the first issue of Kessous’s newspaper Communauté Algérienne (Algerian Community)
5. Comment on this cartoon by Plantu, which appeared on the front page of *Le Monde* 23 November 2000.