

You must answer **five** questions in all, **one** question from each section and **one** other question.

Section A

- 1 (a) Outline the main religious beliefs and practices associated with Mecca in pre-Islamic times. [12]
(b) Explain why the early Muslim community destroyed traces of these beliefs and practices. [8]
- 2 The author of a well-known biography of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) gave his work the title 'Prophet and Statesman'. How far do you think this sums up the significance of the Prophet (pbuh)? [20]
- 3 Which of the Rightly Guided Caliphs was most beneficial for the future of Islam in the measures he took? Give reasons to support your answer. [20]

Section B

- 4 What characteristics distinguish the parts of the Qur'an revealed in Mecca from the parts revealed in Medina? [20]
- 5 Two of the major themes of the Qur'an are the oneness of God (*tawhid*) and the messengers sent with his revelations (*risalah*). How are these two themes connected together in the Qur'an? [20]
- 6 Abu Bakr was reluctant to have the Qur'an written down, though this was nevertheless done. Why did the early Muslim community regard it as important to have a written Qur'an? [20]

Section C

- 7 The Five Pillars are central to Islam. Explain why observance of them is so important in the Muslim community. [20]
- 8 (a) Give an outline of the celebration of 'Id al-Adha. [12]
(b) Explain its importance in the history and beliefs of Islam. [8]
- 9 (a) Write an account of the teachings in the Qur'an about angels. [12]
(b) What is the importance of angels to Muslims today? [8]

Section D

- 10** In a world that is very different from seventh-century Arabia, how can the Qur'an continue to form the foundation of the Muslim community? [20]
- 11 (a)** Give an outline of the legal principles of consensus (*ijma'*) and analogy (*qiyas*). [12]
- (b)** Explain how either of these can be used in Islamic legal practices today. [8]
- 12** 'The legal teachings of the Qur'an could not be understood without the Prophet's Sunnah.' Give reasons to agree or disagree with this statement. [20]

BLANK PAGE

Permission to reproduce items where third-party owned material protected by copyright is included has been sought and cleared where possible. Every reasonable effort has been made by the publisher (UCLES) to trace copyright holders, but if any items requiring clearance have unwittingly been included, the publisher will be pleased to make amends at the earliest possible opportunity.

To avoid the issue of disclosure of answer-related information to candidates, all copyright acknowledgements are reproduced online in the Cambridge International Examinations Copyright Acknowledgements Booklet. This is produced for each series of examinations and is freely available to download at www.cie.org.uk after the live examination series.

Cambridge International Examinations is part of the Cambridge Assessment Group. Cambridge Assessment is the brand name of University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), which is itself a department of the University of Cambridge.