

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

Section A

- 1 'The descendants of 'Abbas were more Islamic than the descendants of the Banu Umayya.' How far do you agree with this claim? [20]
- 2 Outline the achievements of **either** the Umayyad caliph 'Abd al-Malik **or** the 'Abbasid caliph Harun al-Rashid, **and** explain how these achievements helped the development of the early Islamic state. [20]
- 3 Explain why Mu'awiya moved the capital of the Islamic state to Damascus, **and** why the 'Abbasid caliph al-Mansur later moved the capital to Baghdad. [20]

Section B

- 4 Both the legal scholars Malik ibn Anas and al-Shafi'i attached importance to *Sunnah*. Explain how they differed in their understanding of this concept. [20]
- 5 While six collections of Hadiths have authority among Sunni Muslims, the collections of al-Bukhari and Muslim ibn Hajjaj are given special importance. Explain the reason for this. [20]
- 6 Explain the importance of 'aql (reason) in Mu'tazili teachings about the principles of *tawhid* (divine unity) and 'adl (divine justice). [20]

Section C

- 7 (a) Give brief accounts of the lives of Fatima [the daughter of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)], and Husayn [the son of 'Ali]. [12]
(b) Explain the importance of both of these persons in Shi'i Islam. [8]
- 8 Why has Sufism often been such a powerful attraction amongst many Muslims, and why has it been regarded as unorthodox by many Muslim religious authorities? [20]
- 9 (a) Outline the main differences between *mutakallimun* (theologians) and *falasifah* (philosophers) in early Islam. [8]
(b) Explain why the *mutakallim* al-Ghazali opposed the teachings of the *falasifah*. [12]

Section D

- 10 (a)** Outline the main principles of the teachings of Sayyid Ahmad Khan and Hasan al-Banna. [12]
- (b)** Explain **two** of the main differences between them. [8]
- 11** Explain why many Muslim women are concerned to ensure their bodies are covered in public. [20]
- 12** 'Women and men are different but equal.' How far do you think Muslim teachings agree with this statement? [20]

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