Cambridge International A Level

ISLAMIC STUDIES **9013/22**

Paper 2 **October/November 2020**

3 hours

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS
- Answer **five** questions in total:
  Answer **at least one** question from each section.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

INFORMATION
- The total mark for this paper is 100.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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

Section A

1   **(a)** Outline the main political events through the first decades of the eighth century that led up to the overthrow of the Umayyad dynasty.   [12]

    (b) Explain why the change from the Umayyad to the 'Abbasid dynasty took place so relatively easily.

[8]

2   'For the first century of their rule the 'Abbasid caliphs maintained personal control over the state. After this, their personal power diminished quickly.' Give reasons to agree or disagree with this statement.   [20]

3   Which of the early 'Abbasid caliphs built up the most powerful state? Explain your choice.   [20]

Section B

4   **(a)** Outline the main differences between the principles of Maliki, Shafi'i and Hanbali legal scholars.   [12]

    (b) Explain why Hanbali scholars reject many of the methods favoured by Hanafis, Malikis and Shafi'is.   [8]

5   Explain why the two Hadith collections of al-Bukhari and Muslim ibn al-Hajjaj are generally thought to be more reliable than any other Hadith collections.   [20]

6   Explain the main differences between the religious teachings of the Mu'tazilah and the followers of Abu al-Hasan al-Ash'ari.   [20]

Section C

7   Explain the main differences between the office of Khalifah in Sunni Islam and the position of Imam in Shi'i Islam.   [20]

8   Why was Sufism frequently opposed in the early Islamic period?   [20]

9   Explain why Muslim theologians such as al-Ghazali thought the philosophers were mistaken.   [20]

Section D

10 Which of the following do you think has contributed most to the development of Islam in present times: Sayyid Ahmad Khan, Muhammad Iqbal, Abu A'la al-Mawdudi? Give reasons for your choice.

[20]

11 (a) Outline the main teachings of the Qur'an about the relationship between Islam and other faiths. [12]

(b) Explain how these teachings can influence Muslims who live alongside followers of other faiths. [8]

12 (a) Outline the main challenges faced by Muslims living in non-Muslim societies who try to stay loyal to the teachings of their faith. [12]

(b) Explain how the experiences of the first generation of Muslims provide a model for Muslims living in non-Muslim societies. [8]

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