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Paper 3 Heritage of Islam

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1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
 - Section A: answer **one** question.
 - Section B: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A

Answer **EITHER** Question 1 **OR** Question 2.

EITHER

- 1 Study Fig. 1.1, which shows remains of the Umayyad Palace in Jerusalem.



Fig. 1.1

- (a) Explain the ways in which the Umayyad Caliphs provided political leadership.
You should refer to Fig. 1.1 and your own knowledge in your answer. [10]
- (b) 'The Umayyad Caliphs' main purpose was to provide political leadership.' Do you agree?
You should make reference to different points of view in your answer. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

2 Study Fig. 2.1, which shows Muslim astronomers.



Fig. 2.1

(a) Explain the methods used by 'Abbasid scientists in the development of science. You should refer to Fig. 2.1 and your own knowledge in your answer.

[10]

(b) Discuss the extent to which the 'Abbasids should be considered the first scientists. You should make reference to different points of view.

[15]

[Total: 25]

Section B

Answer **EITHER** Question 3 **OR** Question 4.

EITHER

- 3 (a) Explain Islamic philosophers' use of reasoning about creation. [10]
- (b) Discuss the relationship between reasoning about creation and Muslims' care for the environment. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

- 4 (a) Choose **three** features of Islamic art and explain how they might be interpreted. [10]
- (b) To what extent is the art of pre-Islamic Arabia different from Islamic art? Give reasons to support your answer. [15]

[Total: 25]

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