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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 the Great Mosque of Aleppo.



Fig. 1.1

- (a) Explain ways in which the Umayyads developed Islamic architecture.
You should refer to Fig. 1.1 and your own knowledge in your answer. [10]
- (b) 'Building mosques was the Umayyads' most significant religious policy.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

2 Study Fig. 2.1 which shows Illustrated Sanskrit Fables, Kalila and Dimna.



Fig. 2.1

- (a) Explain ways in which the 'Abbasid translation movement was open to other traditions. You should refer to Fig. 2.1 and your own knowledge in your answer. [10]
- (b) 'The 'Abbasids contributed more to developing education than religious facilities.' Do you agree? Explain your answer. [15]

[Total: 25]

Section B

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

EITHER

- 3 (a) Explain ways Islamic scholars interpret signs in the natural world. [10]
- (b) To what extent can the main teachings of Islam be found by looking at signs in the natural world? Explain your answer. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

- 4 (a) Explain the meaning and function of domes in Islamic architecture. [10]
- (b) 'The architecture of religious facilities changed completely with the coming of Islam.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [15]

[Total: 25]

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