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Paper 1 Islamic Beliefs and Practices

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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:
Answer Question 1.
Answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- 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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Answer Question 1 and **EITHER** Question 2 **OR** Question 3.

- 1 Read the following text passages then answer the questions which follow.

Hadith 75

Ibn 'Abbas (May Allah be pleased with them) reported that the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) used to supplicate:

"O Allah! To You I have submitted, and in You do I believe, and in You I put my trust, to You do I turn, and for You I argued. O Allah, I seek refuge with You through Your Power; there is none worthy of worship except You Alone; that You safeguard me against going astray. You are the Ever Living, the One Who sustains and protects all that exists; the One Who never dies, whereas human beings and jinn will all die".

Qur'an 3.144 The Prophet

Muhammad is no more than a messenger: many Were the messenger that passed away before him. If he died or were slain, will ye then Turn back on your heels? If any did turn back on his heels, not the least harm will he do to Allah; but Allah (on the other hand) will swiftly reward those who (serve Him) with gratitude.

- (a) Describe the main teachings of Hadith 75. [5]
- (b) Explain how the Prophet (pbuh) reacted to the death of his friends and family. You must refer to Qu'ran 3.144 and any other verse from the Qur'an or Hadith that you have studied. [10]
- (c) 'To what extent should Muslims today remember the dead?' Discuss this statement with reference to different points of view. [10]

[Total: 25]

EITHER

- 2 (a) Explain the importance of making the right intention (*niyyah*) in Islam. [10]
- (b) 'Fasting is the most private act of worship (*ibadah*) in Islam.' Evaluate this statement. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

- 3 (a) Explain how the revealed word of God acts as guidance to Muslims. [10]
- (b) 'It is necessary for Muslims to pray for guidance.' Evaluate this statement. [15]

[Total: 25]

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