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ISLAMIC STUDIES

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Paper 1 History and Scriptures

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total, **one** from each section.
Answer all parts of the questions you have chosen.
- 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 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].



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Answer **three** questions.

Choose **one** question from each section.

You must answer **all** parts of the questions you have chosen.

Section A: Arabia in the Pre-Islamic period

1 (a) State **four** features of the role of the shaykh. [4]

(b) Describe how trade was practiced in Mecca during pre-Islamic times. [10]

(c) To what extent did the coming of Islam improve trade in the area? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

2 (a) Describe how children were raised in pre-Islamic Arabia. [4]

(b) Explain the beliefs and practices of those who followed Ibrahim (AS). [10]

(c) Discuss whether the coming of Islam was easier to accept for the hanifs than it was for the pagans. [6]

[Total: 20]

Section B: Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

3 (a) Give **four** reasons that led to the boycott of Banu Hashim. [4]

(b) Give an account of the events that happened during the boycott of Banu Hashim. [10]

(c) To what extent was the end of this boycott considered a period of sorrow rather than celebration? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

4 (a) Describe why the Quraish wanted to fight the Muslims in the Battle of Badr. [4]

(b) Give an account of the Battle of Badr. [10]

(c) To what extent did the result of this battle give the Muslims confidence? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

Section C: Texts from the Holy Qur'an and Hadith

5 Sura 106: 1–4

- 1 For the covenants
(Of security and safeguard
Enjoyed) by the Quraish,
- 2 Their covenants (covering) journeys
By winter and summer, —
- 3 Let them adore the Lord
Of this House,
- 4 Who provides them
With food against hunger,
And with security
Against fear (of danger).

[Yusuf Ali; An English interpretation of the Holy Qur'an]

(a) Explain the main teachings of Sura 106 **and** how God provided security for the Quraish. [12]

(b) Discuss how Muslims can show they are grateful for the blessings they have. [8]

[Total: 20]

6 Hadith No 13 Love

None of you (truly) believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself.

[An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith]

(a) Explain the teachings of this Hadith **and** how it can be put into practice. [12]

(b) Discuss the extent to which Muslims should compete with each other. [8]

[Total: 20]

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