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**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

**2068/12**

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)

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**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: Religions, traditions and practices before the prophethood of Muhammad (pbuh)**

1 (a) Give the names of **four** prophets who came before Muhammad (pbuh). [4]

(b) Describe the social conditions that existed in pre-Islamic Arabia. [10]

(c) To what extent can Muslims today protect themselves from negative social conditions in society? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

2 (a) Identify **four** types of trade practised during the pre-Islamic period. [4]

(b) Explain the importance of the Quraysh tribe in Makkah. [10]

(c) Evaluate the reasons why the Quraysh did **not** want to change their ways of living. [6]

[Total: 20]

**Section B: Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)**

3 (a) Give the names of **four** tribes living in Madinah. [4]

(b) Describe the events of the Battle of Trench. [10]

(c) Discuss **two** different lessons Muslims could learn from the events of this battle. [6]

[Total: 20]

4 (a) State **four** qualities of the Prophet's character. [4]

(b) Describe the Prophet's relationship with his wives 'Aishah **and** Umm Salamah. [10]

(c) To what extent can Muslims today follow the way the Prophet (pbuh) took care of his wives? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

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

#### 5 Surah 94

- 1 Have We not expanded thee thy breast?
- 2 And removed from thee thy burden
- 3 The which did gall thy back?
- 4 And raised high the esteem (in which) thou (art held)?
- 5 So, verily, with every difficulty, there is relief:
- 6 Verily, with every difficulty there is relief.
- 7 Therefore, when thou art free (from thine immediate task), still labour hard,
- 8 And to thy Lord turn (all) thy attention.

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

- (a) Explain the teachings of Surah 94 **and** how this revelation helped the Prophet (pbuh). [12]
- (b) To what extent might Muslims find the answers to all their problems in the Qur'an? Give reasons to support your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

#### 6 Hadith No 32 Not causing or responding to harm

'There should be neither harming nor reciprocating harm.'

[*An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith*]

- (a) Explain the teachings of this hadith **and** how these teachings help Muslims have good character. [12]
- (b) Discuss what you think are the most effective ways Muslims can show good character in their everyday lives. [8]

[Total: 20]

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