

Cambridge O Level

ISLAMIC STUDIES**2068/22**

Paper 2 Development, Sources, Beliefs and Observances

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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: The Four Pious Caliphs

- 1 (a) Give **four** ways in which Abu Bakr was humble. [4]
- (b) Explain how Abu Bakr improved social facilities during his rule. [10]
- (c) Discuss different ways in which Abu Bakr might inspire Muslims today. [6]
- [Total: 20]

- 2 (a) Outline **two** events of 'Ali's childhood. [4]
- (b) Explain how 'Ali managed other leaders in the organisation of his caliphate. [10]
- (c) To what extent was 'Ali's strength the most significant aspect of his leadership? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]
- [Total: 20]

Section B: The Qur'an, Hadith and Muslim beliefs and practices

- 3 (a) Give **four** occasions when Muslims say the statement of faith (*shahadah*). [4]
- (b) Explain how saying the statement of faith (*shahadah*) is based on Muhammad's teachings. [10]
- (c) To what extent does the statement of faith (*shahadah*) unite Muslim communities? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]
- [Total: 20]

- 4 (a) Give **four** ways Muslims treat the Qur'an with respect. [4]
- (b) Explain how the Qur'an details the belief in the oneness of God (*tawhid*). [10]
- (c) To what extent is reciting the Qur'an the best way to develop awareness of God? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]
- [Total: 20]

Section C: Festivals, rituals and social interactions in the lives of Muslims

5 (a) Explain how rituals of Hajj help Muslims prepare for 'Id al-Adha. [12]

(b) To what extent is fasting on the day of 'Arafat the most important preparation for 'Id al-Adha? Give reasons to support your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

6 (a) Explain **three** different roles of mosques in local communities. [12]

(b) Discuss which service provided by mosques is most important for local communities. [8]

[Total: 20]

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