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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 [].

This document has **4** pages. Blank pages are indicated.

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) Describe how poetry played a part in Arab life in the Pre-Islamic period. [4]
- (b) Give an account of how trade and pilgrimage were important in Mecca at this time. [10]
- (c) 'Only the poor people of Mecca became Muslims.'
To what extent do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [6]
- [Total: 20]

- 2 (a) Describe the role played by 'Abd al-Muttalib in the early life of Muhammad (pbuh). [4]
- (b) Give an account of the signs in his early life that Muhammad (pbuh) was chosen by God. [10]
- (c) 'The visit to Waraqa bin Nawfal proved that Muhammad (pbuh) was to be a prophet.'
To what extent do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [6]
- [Total: 20]

Section B: Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

- 3 (a) Give **four** features of Muhammad's special relationship with his daughter Fatima. [4]
- (b) Explain the importance of the title 'Seal of the Prophets' and what it means for Muslims. [10]
- (c) 'For most people, the internet is now an important source of information about Islam.'
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and reasons for your answer. [6]
- [Total: 20]
- 4 (a) Briefly describe how Muhammad (pbuh) delivered his message at the hill of al-Safa. [4]
- (b) Give an account of the Mi'raj, when the Prophet (pbuh) was taken on the Night Journey. [10]
- (c) 'The Mi'raj gave the Prophet (pbuh) the courage to complete his mission.'
Discuss this statement. Give reasons for your answer. [6]
- [Total: 20]

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

5 Sura 108: 1–3

- 1 To thee have We
Granted the Fount
(of Abundance).
- 2 Therefore to thy Lord
Turn in Prayer
And Sacrifice.
- 3 For he who hateth thee, —
He will be cut off
(From Future Hope).

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

- (a) Explain the reason why Sura Kauthar was revealed and the teachings it contains. [12]
- (b) 'If people suffer they should not blame God.'
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and reasons for your answer. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

6 Hadith No 27 Obedience and good character

Righteousness is good morality, and wrongdoing is that which wavers in your soul and which you dislike people finding out about.

[An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith]

- (a) Explain the teachings in this Hadith and give **two** examples of how they might be put into practice. [12]
- (b) 'Making the right decisions is difficult in today's world.'
To what extent do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

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