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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) Describe the types of agriculture common in Pre-Islamic Arabia. [4]
- (b) Give an account of Muhammad's early life with his uncle, Abu Talib. [10]
- (c) In his early life, Muhammad (pbuh) had several guardians. To what extent might this have prepared him for prophethood? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

- 2 (a) Describe the tribal code of honour that existed in Pre-Islamic Arabia. [4]
- (b) Describe what changed in the tribal system when the Arabs became Muslims. [10]
- (c) Discuss **two** different ways in which Muslims today show loyalty to the Muslim community (*ummah*). [6]

[Total: 20]

Section B: Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

- 3 (a) Give brief details of the two groups of Muslims who emigrated to Abyssinia. [4]
- (b) Give an account of what happened at the court of the Abyssinian ruler, the Negus. [10]
- (c) To what extent is the migration to Abyssinia similar to migrations today? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

- 4 (a) Describe how the Prophet (pbuh) created brotherhood between the Ansar and the Muhajirun when he first arrived in Medina. [4]
- (b) Outline the different stages of the Battle of Uhud. [10]
- (c) In your opinion, what was the most important lesson the Muslims learned from the Battle of Uhud? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

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

5 Sura 112: 1–4

- 1 Say: He is God,
The One and Only;
- 2 God, the Eternal, Absolute;
- 3 He begetteth not,
Nor is He begotten;
- 4 And there is none
Like unto Him.

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

- (a) Explain the main teachings of Sura Ikhlas and why it was a response to the unbelievers of Mecca. [12]
- (b) Discuss the importance of reciting the Qur'an with accuracy in today's world. [8]

[Total: 20]

6 Hadith No 18 Piety

Fear Allah wherever you are, and follow up a bad deed with a good one and it will wipe it out, and behave well towards people.

[An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith]

- (a) Explain the teaching in this Hadith and give examples of how Muslims might behave well towards people. [12]
- (b) Choose **one** other Hadith that you know and discuss the relevance of its teaching to the lives of Muslims today. [8]

[Total: 20]

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