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ISLAMIC STUDIES

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Paper 2 Development, Sources, Beliefs and Observances

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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. Any 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: The Caliphate period/The Four Pious Caliphs

1 (a) Give **four** regions where 'Umar expanded the Caliphate. [4]

(b) Describe **two** ways in which 'Umar maintained the Caliphate. [10]

(c) Choose **one** of those ways and evaluate its significance for the early history of Islam. [6]

[Total: 20]

2 (a) Briefly describe **two** of Abu Bakr's military expeditions. [4]

(b) Outline Abu Bakr's policies for maintaining the Caliphate. [10]

(c) To what extent did Abu Bakr provide a model for his successors? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

Section B: The history and importance of the Qur'an and Hadith

3 (a) Give **four** actions Muslims carry out which are based on the Qur'an. [4]

(b) Choose **two** companions of Muhammad (pbuh) and explain how they contributed to the compilation of the Qur'an. [10]

(c) The companions carried out their role of compiling the Qur'an with care and accuracy. Discuss what Muslims today can learn from this. [6]

[Total: 20]

4 (a) State **four** warning signs that God sent to Pharaoh and the Egyptians. [4]

(b) Give an account of the conversations between Musa (AS) and Pharaoh. [10]

(c) Discuss what Muslims today can learn from these conversations when talking to people of other faiths. [6]

[Total: 20]

Section C: Beliefs, practices and rituals

5 (a) Outline the character and functions of prophets in Islam. [12]
(b) To what extent can Muslims today follow the character of the prophets? Give reasons to support your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

6 (a) Explain the mental and spiritual meanings of Jihad. [12]
(b) Choose **one** type of Jihad and evaluate its significance for Muslims today. [8]

[Total: 20]

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