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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 the names of **four** people who supported Abu Bakr as Caliph. [4]

(b) Explain Abu Bakr's policies for expanding and maintaining the state. [10]

(c) Discuss the importance of obeying leaders. Refer to Abu Bakr in your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

2 (a) Give **four** characteristics of 'Uthman. [4]

(b) Explain how 'Uthman's character helped him in his leadership as Caliph. [10]

(c) Choose **one** aspect of 'Uthman's rule and discuss how that could help governments today. [6]

[Total: 20]

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

3 (a) Give **four** characteristics of narrators that caused some Hadith to be rejected. [4]

(b) Explain how the Qur'an and the Hadith are applied together in Muslims' everyday practice of Islam. [10]

(c) To what extent do Muslims always need to use the Qur'an and the Hadith together? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

4 (a) Briefly describe the miracle of the feast given to Isa (AS). [4]

(b) Explain the miracle of the birth of Isa (AS). [10]

(c) To what extent did Isa (AS) prepare the way for Muhammad (pbuh)? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

Section C: Beliefs, practices and rituals

5 (a) Explain the importance of the oneness of God (*tawhid*) in a Muslim's worship. [12]

(b) Discuss how belief in the oneness of God (*tawhid*) can help Muslims with problems they may face. [8]

[Total: 20]

6 (a) Explain the importance of standing at Arafat and stoning the Devil during the *Hajj* pilgrimage. [12]

(b) To what extent have Muslims completed their duties to God when they finish *Hajj*? Give reasons to support your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

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