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PAKISTAN STUDIES **2059/01**

Paper 1 The History and Culture of Pakistan **May/June 2026**

1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)
Insert (enclosed)

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total:
  - Section A: answer Question 1.
  - Section B: answer **two** questions.
- 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 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].
- The insert contains all the sources referred to in the questions.

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Section A

Answer the following question.

This question is about President Yahya Khan.

1 Study the sources (Insert) carefully and then answer the questions which follow.

(a) According to Source A, state **three** priorities identified by President Yahya Khan in his welcome speech to the US President. [3]

(b) What can we learn from Source B about the relationship between Pakistan and the USA in 1970? [5]

(c) Explain why General Yahya Khan came to power in 1969. [7]

(d) Assess the extent to which President Yahya Khan's commitment to restoring democracy in Pakistan was successful. Explain your answer. [10]

[Total: 25]

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Section B

Answer any **two** questions from this section.

2 **(a)** Describe the military campaigns of the Marathas. [4]

(b) Explain why Shah Waliullah was an important figure for the revival of Islam in the subcontinent. [7]

(c) 'Division amongst Indian communities was the main reason why the British were able to control the subcontinent between 1756 and 1857.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [14]

[Total: 25]

3 **(a)** Describe the outcomes of the 1937 elections. [4]

(b) Explain why the Muslim community objected to Congress Rule between 1937 and 1939. [7]

(c) To what extent were the challenges faced by the new state of Pakistan overcome between 1947 and 1959? Explain your answer. [14]

[Total: 25]

4 **(a)** Describe the outcomes of the Simla Agreement of 1972. [4]

(b) Explain how languages have contributed to the cultural development of Pakistan since 1947. [7]

(c) 'Pakistan's foreign policy between 1977 and 1988 was effective.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [14]

[Total: 25]

5 **(a)** Describe the reaction in Pakistan to General Musharraf taking power in 1999. [4]

(b) Explain why the 'One Unit' Scheme was introduced in 1955. [7]

(c) To what extent were Nawaz Sharif's governments able to overcome the challenges facing Pakistan in the 1990s? Explain your answer. [14]

[Total: 25]

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