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PAKISTAN STUDIES **2059/01**

Paper 1 The History and Culture of Pakistan **October/November 2025**

1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (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 Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.

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

(a) According to Source A, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan believed that the Muslim community should accept modern western education. Identify **three** reasons why he thought this. [3]

(b) What can we learn from Source B about the relationship between Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and the British? [5]

(c) Explain why many Muslims rejected western education in the nineteenth century. [7]

(d) Assess the significance of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan's work in improving the status of the Muslim community in the subcontinent in relation to the following:

- his 'Two-Nation' Theory
- his contribution to education
- changing relations with the British

Explain your answer. [10]

[Total: 25]

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Section B

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

2 **(a)** Describe what happened at the Battle of Plassey in 1757. [4]

(b) Explain why Syed Ahmad Barelvi set up the Jihad movement. [7]

(c) To what extent did laws introduced by the British between 1784 and 1850 extend their rule in the subcontinent? Explain your answer. [14]

[Total: 25]

3 **(a)** Describe the outcomes of the Simla Conference in 1945. [4]

(b) Explain why the lessons learnt from the 1937 elections were of long-term benefit to the Muslim League. [7]

(c) 'The Montagu–Chelmsford Reforms were unsuccessful in achieving political reform in the subcontinent.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [14]

[Total: 25]

4 **(a)** Describe the terms of the 1956 Constitution. [4]

(b) Explain why educational reforms became so important to Pakistan during the 1960s and 1970s. [7]

(c) 'Pakistan has been an effective member of world organisations since 1947.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [14]

[Total: 25]

5 **(a)** Describe the meeting between President Zia-ul-Haq and Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in February 1987. [4]

(b) Explain why General Pervez Musharraf came to power in 1999. [7]

(c) To what extent were differences between Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and President Ghulam Ishaq Khan the main reason why she left office in 1990? Explain your answer. [14]

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