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Paper 3 Heritage of Islam

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
 - Section A: answer **one** question.
 - Section B: answer **one** question.
- 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 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A

Answer **EITHER** Question 1 **OR** Question 2.

EITHER

- 1 Study Fig. 1.1, which shows remains of the Umayyad Palace in Jerusalem.



Fig. 1.1

- (a) Explain the ways in which the Umayyad Caliphs provided political leadership. You should refer to Fig. 1.1 and your own knowledge in your answer. [10]
- (b) 'The Umayyad Caliphs' main purpose was to provide political leadership.' Do you agree? You should make reference to different points of view in your answer. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

2 Study Fig. 2.1, which shows Muslim astronomers.



Fig. 2.1

- (a) Explain the methods used by 'Abbasid scientists in the development of science. You should refer to Fig. 2.1 and your own knowledge in your answer. [10]
- (b) Discuss the extent to which the 'Abbasids should be considered the first scientists. You should make reference to different points of view. [15]

[Total: 25]

Section B

Answer **EITHER** Question 3 **OR** Question 4.

EITHER

- 3 (a) Explain Islamic philosophers' use of reasoning about creation. [10]
- (b) Discuss the relationship between reasoning about creation and Muslims' care for the environment. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

- 4 (a) Choose **three** features of Islamic art and explain how they might be interpreted. [10]
- (b) To what extent is the art of pre-Islamic Arabia different from Islamic art? Give reasons to support your answer. [15]

[Total: 25]

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