

Cambridge International AS & A Level

ISLAMIC STUDIES 9488/22

Paper 2 Islamic Law (Shariah) and its Application

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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:

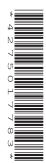
Section A: answer one question.

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 [].



Section A

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.

EITHER

- 1 (a) Give five examples of interest (riba). [5]
 - **(b)** Describe teachings about debt and interest according to **one** school of Islamic jurisprudence (*fiqh*). [10]
 - (c) Discuss what advice should be given to Muslims regarding mortgages in different circumstances. [10]

[Total: 25]

OR

- 2 (a) Give five actions which Muslims perform according to the Sunnah. [5]
 - **(b)** Explain how strong Hadith (*sahih*) might be used with other sources according to **one** school of jurisprudence (*fiqh*). [10]
 - (c) To what extent do the benefits of using weak (da if) Hadith outweigh the problems? [10]

[Total: 25]

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Section B

Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.

EITHER

3 (a) Explain why Muslims believe the Qur'an originated with God. [10]

(b) 'Different literal and metaphorical perspectives do not challenge the authority of the Qur'an.'

Do you agree? You should refer to different points of view in your answer. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

- 4 (a) Explain how individuals may interpret teachings (ijtihad) according to one school of thought in Islam.
 [10]
 - (b) 'Individual interpretation of teachings (*ijtihad*) is still valid today.' Evaluate this statement with reference to **two** schools of thought in Islam. [15]

[Total: 25]

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