

Answer Question 1 and **EITHER** Question 2 **OR** Question 3.

- 1 Read the following text passages, then answer the questions which follow.

Qur'an 25.68–70

Those who invoke not, with Allah, any other god, nor slay such life as Allah has made sacred except for just cause, nor commit fornication; – and any that does this (not only) meets punishment. (But) the Penalty on the Day of Judgment will be doubled to him, and he will dwell therein in ignominy,– Unless he repents, believes, and works righteous deeds, for Allah will change the evil of such persons into good, and Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

Hadith 18, Repentance

‘Abdullah bin ‘Umar bin Al-Khattab reported that: The Prophet (pbuh) said, “Allah accepts a slave’s repentance as long as the latter is not on his death bed (that is, before the soul of the dying person reaches the throat).” [At-Tirmidhi]

- (a) Describe the main teachings of Qur'an 25.68–70. [5]
- (b) Explain how the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) encourage Muslims to repent to God. [10]
- (c) To what extent should Muslims consider God’s forgiveness more than God’s punishment? Discuss with reference to different points of view. [10]

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EITHER

- 2 (a) Explain the role of prophets as a connection between God and humans. [10]
- (b) 'It is easier to understand guidance from prophets than from books.' Evaluate this statement. [15]

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OR

- 3 (a) Examine different rituals of daily prayer in Islam. [10]
- (b) 'Prayer (*salah*) is the best way to connect to God.' Do you agree? Discuss with reference to different points of view. [15]

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