
ISLAMIC STUDIES

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Paper 2

October/November 2016

3 hours

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **five** questions.

Answer at least **one** question from **each** Section.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.



This document consists of **3** printed pages and **1** blank page.

You must answer **five** questions in all, **one** question from each section and **one** other question.

Section A

- 1 'The descendants of 'Abbas were more Islamic than the descendants of the Banu Umayya.' How far do you agree with this claim? [20]
- 2 Outline the achievements of **either** the Umayyad caliph 'Abd al-Malik **or** the 'Abbasid caliph Harun al-Rashid, **and** explain how these achievements helped the development of the early Islamic state. [20]
- 3 Explain why Mu'awiya moved the capital of the Islamic state to Damascus, **and** why the 'Abbasid caliph al-Mansur later moved the capital to Baghdad. [20]

Section B

- 4 Both the legal scholars Malik ibn Anas and al-Shafi'i attached importance to *Sunnah*. Explain how they differed in their understanding of this concept. [20]
- 5 While six collections of Hadiths have authority among Sunni Muslims, the collections of al-Bukhari and Muslim ibn Hajjaj are given special importance. Explain the reason for this. [20]
- 6 Explain the importance of 'aql (reason) in Mu'tazili teachings about the principles of *tawhid* (divine unity) and 'adl (divine justice). [20]

Section C

- 7 (a) Give brief accounts of the lives of Fatima [the daughter of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)], and Husayn [the son of 'Ali]. [12]
(b) Explain the importance of both of these persons in Shi'i Islam. [8]
- 8 Why has Sufism often been such a powerful attraction amongst many Muslims, and why has it been regarded as unorthodox by many Muslim religious authorities? [20]
- 9 (a) Outline the main differences between *mutakallimun* (theologians) and *falasifah* (philosophers) in early Islam. [8]
(b) Explain why the *mutakallim* al-Ghazali opposed the teachings of the *falasifah*. [12]

Section D

- 10 (a)** Outline the main principles of the teachings of Sayyid Ahmad Khan and Hasan al-Banna. [12]
- (b)** Explain **two** of the main differences between them. [8]
- 11** Explain why many Muslim women are concerned to ensure their bodies are covered in public. [20]
- 12** 'Women and men are different but equal.' How far do you think Muslim teachings agree with this statement? [20]

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