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ISLAMIC STUDIES

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Paper 1

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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 on both sides of the paper.
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

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.

Section A

- 1 Referring to the main events of the Prophet's career while he lived in Mecca between 610 and 622, show how his actions indicate his confidence that he was *rasul Allah*, messenger of God.
- 2 (a) Trace the development of the Prophet's relationship with the Jews of Medinah, [12]
and (b) explain why this relationship changed as time moved on. [8]
- 3 Explain:
- (a) why Abu Bakr was known as the Saviour of Islam, [10]
and (b) why `Ali was forced to fight against his former allies at the battle of Nahrawand. [10]

Section B

- 4 If you were talking to someone who had not read the Qur'an, how would you
- (a) describe its contents, [8]
and (b) explain its importance in the life of a Muslim? [12]
- 5 Referring to the *Surahs* you have especially studied, outline and discuss the main teachings of the Qur'an about the relationship between God and human beings. [20]
- 6 (a) How did the Prophet describe the different ways in which he received revelation? [10]
(b) What do Muslims mean when they call the Qur'an *kalam Allah*, the word of God? [10]

Section C

- 7 (a) Give an account of the main aspects of the Muslim observance of Ramadan.
(b) Explain why this observance is important to the individual and to the Muslim community. [20]
- 8 Referring to the ways in which (a) Muslim marriage ceremonies and (b) Muslim funerals are celebrated in your country, explain what elements in them give them their particular Islamic character. [20]
- 9 Explain how Angels, Books and Prophets are connected with one another as part of God's plan to give guidance to his creatures. [20]

Section D

- 10 'Without the Sunnah no one could be a good Muslim.' Explain the meaning of this statement, and say whether you think it is accurate or not. [20]
- 11 (a) What methods have legal experts traditionally employed to find answers in the authoritative sources of Islam to the questions raised in a constantly changing world? [8]
(b) Give **three** examples to show how legal experts have actually done this in practice. [12]
- 12 It is often said that Islam is a whole way of life. How does the Shari'ah affect private and public activities in Islam? [20]

