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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.

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Section A

- 1 Why do Muslims often regard the period of Umayyad rule as 'unIslamic'?
- 2 Explain why Muslims have generally given `Umar II (`Umar Ibn `Abd al-`Aziz) a special place among Umayyad and other early rulers. [20]
- 3 Write short notes on the main activities of the following `Abbasid rulers:
- (a) Abu Ja`far al-Mansur
- (b) Harun al-Rashid
- (c) al-Ma'mun
- (d) al-Mutawakkil. [20]

Section B

- 4 Outline the main stages that led to the compilation of the Sunnah in the six canonical collections. [20]
- 5 Choose any **two** of the four Imams after whom the *Madhahib* [schools of law] are named and
- (a) discuss the main principles of their legal teachings [12]
- and**
- (b) explain any differences between these two sets of principles. [8]
- 6 (a) Briefly describe the main teachings of the Mu`tazilah. [12]
- (b) Why do some Muslims see the ideas of the Mu`tazilah as not part of Islam? [8]

Section C

- 7 The events that led to the emergence of the Shi`ah are often seen as tragic in Islamic history. Outline these events and explain their significance in Islam. [20]
- 8 (a) Discuss the principal features of the teachings of Sufism. [12]
- (b) Why has the orthodoxy of Sufism often been doubted? [8]
- 9 Explain the main characteristics of Islamic philosophy (*falsafah*) in the classical Islamic period. [20]

Section D

- 10 Compare and contrast the main features of the teachings of Sir Sayyid Ahmad Khan and al-Banna'.
- 11 What are the main teachings of the Qur'an regarding the relationship between Muslims and the People of the Book? [20]
- 12 With reference to any country you know where Muslims live as a minority, discuss the major problems they face in their attempt to implement Islamic values in everyday life. [20]

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