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ISLAMIC STUDIES

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Paper 2 Development, Sources, Beliefs and Observances

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1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total, **one** from each section.
Answer all parts of the questions you have chosen.
- 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 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

This document has **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **three** questions.

Choose **one** question from each section.

You must answer **all** parts of the questions you have chosen.

Section A: The Caliphate period/The Four Pious Caliphs

- 1 (a) Describe Caliph ‘Umar’s arrival in Jerusalem. [4]
 (b) Explain how ‘Umar led the Caliphate with humility. [10]
 (c) Discuss the significance of Caliph ‘Umar as an example of leadership. [6]
 [Total: 20]
- 2 (a) Give **four** groups of people who Abu Bakr protected from harm in battles. [4]
 (b) Explain the role of Khalid ibn al-Walid under Abu Bakr’s Caliphate. [10]
 (c) Discuss the importance of Medina for the period of Abu Bakr’s Caliphate. [6]
 [Total: 20]

Section B: The history and importance of the Qur’an and Hadith

- 3 (a) Give **four** features of *sahih* (very sound) Hadith. [4]
 (b) Explain how the Qur’an and Hadith are used together for Islamic law. [10]
 (c) Discuss the importance for Muslims of checking that sources of information are reliable. [6]
 [Total: 20]
- 4 (a) Describe the signs that suggested Yusuf (AS) was destined to be a prophet. [4]
 (b) Explain how **and** why Yusuf’s brothers turned against him. [10]
 (c) Discuss the importance of family unity for Muslims today. [6]
 [Total: 20]

Section C: Beliefs, practices and rituals

- 5 (a) Describe the content **and** purpose of **two** revealed books which came before the Qur'an. [12]
- (b) Assess the significance of those revealed books for Muslims today. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 6 (a) Explain how Muslims use birth rituals to welcome babies into Islam. [12]
- (b) Evaluate the importance of these birth ritual traditions for the whole Muslim family. [8]

[Total: 20]

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