



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

### Section A

- 1 (a) Outline the particular features of pre-Islamic Arabian society that led Muslims to call it *jahiliyyah* ('the time of ignorance'). [12]
- (b) How far is *jahiliyyah* an appropriate term for this period? [8]
- 2 (a) Explain why some people in Medina thought the Prophet (pbuh) should be invited to their town. [8]
- (b) Outline the ways in which the Prophet (pbuh) dealt with the non-Muslim inhabitants of Medina. [12]
- 3 Explain why 'Uthman faced repeated opposition during the latter years of his caliphate. [20]

### Section B

- 4 (a) Describe how the Qur'an was compiled into book form under the early caliphs. [8]
- (b) Explain why Muslims thought it was important to do this. [12]
- 5 To what extent do the themes contained in Surat al-Fatihah sum up the teachings of the Qur'an as a whole? [20]
- 6 'The Qur'an *is* Islam.' How far do you think this claim is justified? [20]

### Section C

- 7 Explain why in order to become a Muslim it is regarded as sufficient for someone to pronounce the *shahadah* three times. [20]
- 8 By referring to at least **two** of the Pillars, explain how observing the Five Pillars of Islam brings Muslims closer to one another. [20]
- 9 Outline and explain the significance in Muslim beliefs of scriptures revealed earlier than the Qur'an. [20]

**Section D**

- 10** What means do Muslims have for safeguarding against the risk of interpreting the Qur'an according to each person's own individual opinions? [20]
- 11** How can the legal principle of individual endeavour (*ijtihad*) be put into effect in today's world? [20]
- 12** How do the significance of the Qur'an and Sunnah differ in legal thinking? [20]

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