

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS
General Certificate of Education Advanced Level

ISLAMIC STUDIES

9013/02

Paper 2

October/November 2003

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

3 hours

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 Explain how Mu`awiya and his immediate successors up to about the year 700 maintained their power against opposition within the Islamic empire and outside. [20]
- 2 (a) Trace the main stages by which the `Abbasids seized power from the Umayyads. [8]
(b) Discuss **three** major reasons for the change of dynasty. [12]
- 3 Why did the personal authority of the `Abbasid caliphs begin to decline only a century after their dynasty came to power? [20]

Section B

- 4 Many Muslim scholars regard al-Shafi`i as the most important of the early legal experts. Give reasons to agree or disagree with this judgement. [20]
- 5 (a) Outline **three** methods which the collectors of the Hadiths employed to ensure that the sayings they compiled had come from the Prophet himself. [12]
(b) What major common features are shared by the Six Canonical Collections that make them different from earlier collections? [8]
- 6 Explain why the Mu`tazilah called themselves the People of God's Unity and Justice. [20]

Section C

- 7 Explain the significance of
(a) the battle of Siffin, **and** [8]
(b) the massacre of Karbala' [12]
in the development of Shi`i Islam.
- 8 How far did al-Ghazali succeed in reconciling Sufi beliefs with the beliefs of the majority of Muslims of his day? [20]
- 9 Identify and explain the significance of **two** main teachings of the philosophers that led to disagreement with theological thinkers in early Islam. [20]

Section D

- 10** Outline the main features of the teachings of any **two** of the following:
Muhammad `Abduh, Hasan al-Banna', Muhammad Iqbal. [20]
- 11** Some people say that the teachings of the Qur'an about women are not properly put into practice in many places today. How far do you agree or disagree with what these people say? [20]
- 12** In your country **or** another country you know, what major **(a)** problems **and (b)** opportunities face present-day Muslims as they try to live by the teachings of Islam? [20]

