
ISLAMIC RELIGION AND CULTURE

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Paper 1

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2 hours 30 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer **five** questions.

Choose any **two** questions from Part 1 and any **two** questions from Part 2 and **one** other question from either Part 1 or Part 2.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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Answer **five** questions in total.

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Part 1

- 1 (a) Describe the social life and traditions of the Arabs during the pre-Islamic period. [10]
- (b) To what extent did the social conditions change after the Arabs became Muslim? [10]
- 2 (a) What was the importance of
- (i) Khadijah **and**
- (ii) Abu Bakr in the life of the Prophet [pbuh] in Mecca? [10]
- (b) Explain why the Prophet [pbuh] faced opposition in Mecca during the first twelve years of Islam. [10]
- 3 (a) Write an account of
- (i) the Boycott of the Banu Hashim **and**
- (ii) the Prophet's visit to Taif. [10]
- (b) How significant was the *hijrah* to Medina for the Prophet [pbuh] and the further development of Islam? [10]
- 4 (a) Describe
- (i) the causes that led to the battle of Badr **and**
- (ii) explain what happened during the battle. [10]
- (b) Why was the victory at Badr a defining moment for the Muslims? [10]
- 5 (a) Give an account of the events that resulted in the Treaty of Hudaibiyah. [10]
- (b) What do these events show about the Prophet's attitude when his leadership was tested on this occasion? [10]
- 6 (a) Describe
- (i) what changed in Mecca when Umar accepted Islam **and**
- (ii) when he was Caliph what happened when he visited Jerusalem. [10]
- (b) Give **two** examples to suggest what governments in Muslim countries can learn from the principles followed by the Four Pious Caliphs. [10]

Part 2

- 7 (a) Describe the collection of the Qur'anic verses during the lifetime of the Prophet [pbuh] and the Caliphate of Abu Bakr. [10]
- (b) Why was the preserving of the Qur'an important to the growth of Islam? [10]
- 8 (a) Describe what is taught in the verses 1 to 5 of Sura Alaq [96]. [10]
- (b) Why are these verses particularly important for Muslims? [10]
- 9 (a) What is mentioned in the Qur'an about the life of the Prophet Ibrahim [AS]? [10]
- (b) '...We make no distinction between any of them...' [2:136]. Discuss this statement with reference to Allah's prophets. [10]
- 10 (a) Describe what Muslims must do before they begin to pray. [10]
- (b) To what extent is the mosque [*masjid*] essential in the lives of Muslims? [10]
- 11 (a) From the Articles of Faith explain what you know about
- (i) belief in Allah **and**
- (ii) belief in His angels. [10]
- (b) How does belief in the Last Day [*yawm al-akhirah*] affect the life of a Muslim? [10]
- 12 (a) Explain the role of Hadith in Islam. [10]
- (b) From the Hadith you have studied discuss the concept of tolerance in Islam and how a Muslim should act. [10]

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