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Paper 1 Islamic Beliefs and Practices

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1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
Answer Question 1.
Answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- 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 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Answer Question 1 and **EITHER** Question 2 **OR** Question 3.

- 1 Read the following text passages then answer the questions which follow.

Qur'an 17.32–33

Nor come nigh to adultery: for it is a shameful (deed) and an evil, opening the road (to other evils). Nor take life – which Allah has made sacred – except for just cause. And if anyone is slain wrongfully, we have given his heir authority (to demand qisas or to forgive): but let him not exceed bounds in the matter of taking life; for he is helped (by the Law).

Hadith 85 Steadfastness

Sufyan bin 'Abdullah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported:

I said, "O Messenger of Allah, tell me something of Islam which I will not ask anyone else about it." He (pbuh) said, "Say, 'I believe in Allah' and then be steadfast".

- (a) Describe the main teachings from Qur'an 17.32–33. [5]
- (b) Explain how the life of the Prophet (pbuh) showed steadfastness in doing what is right when facing challenges. You must refer to Hadith 85 and any other Hadith or verse from the Qur'an that you have studied. [10]
- (c) To what extent is it harder for Muslims to stay steadfast in doing what is right when facing the challenges of new technology? [10]

[Total: 25]

EITHER

- 2 (a) Explain Muslims' belief in God's mercy. [10]
- (b) 'It is not enough to believe in God's mercy; Muslims must show mercy in their actions.'
Discuss, with reference to different points of view. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

- 3 (a) Explain the different preparations required for someone who intends to perform Hajj. [10]
- (b) To what extent is it better for Muslims to perform Hajj when they are young? Refer to different points of view in your answer. [15]

[Total: 25]

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