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ISLAMIC STUDIES

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Paper 1 History and Scriptures

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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 [].

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Answer **three** questions.

Choose **one** question from each section.

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

Section A: Religions, traditions and practices before the prophethood of Muhammad (pbuh)

- 1 (a) State **four** beliefs of the pagan Arabs. [4]
- (b) Describe the circumstances that led to Musa (AS) living in the household of Pharaoh. [10]
- (c) Discuss how Muslims today can use lessons from the story of Musa's childhood in their own lives. [6]
- [Total: 20]

- 2 (a) State **four** features of the markets held in Makkah. [4]
- (b) Describe different ways in which people made money during the pre-Islamic period. [10]
- (c) To what extent should Muslims today be careful about the ways they earn money? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]
- [Total: 20]

Section B: Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

- 3 (a) Give **four** reasons why the Muslims left Makkah. [4]
- (b) Describe the events of the migration (*hijrah*) from Makkah to Madinah. [10]
- (c) Discuss how the Prophet's migration might be similar to migrations people make today. [6]
- [Total: 20]

- 4 (a) Give the names of **four** Muslims who went to Abyssinia to escape persecution. [4]
- (b) Describe the persecution of the Prophet (pbuh) and his followers in Makkah. [10]
- (c) To what extent can the persecutions of the early Muslims provide lessons for Muslims today? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]
- [Total: 20]

Section C: Texts from the Holy Qur'an and Hadith

5 Surah 113

- 1 Say: I seek refuge with the Lord of the Dawn
- 2 From the mischief of created things;
- 3 From the mischief of Darkness as it overspreads;
- 4 From the mischief of those who practise secret arts;
- 5 And from the mischief of the envious one as he practises envy.

[Yusuf Ali; *An English Interpretation of the Holy Qur'an*]

- (a) Explain the teachings of Surah 113 **and** the reasons it was revealed as a warning. [12]
- (b) Discuss different ways that Muslims can use the Qur'an as a means of protection. [8]

[Total: 20]

6 Hadith No 12 Not interfering with others

'Part of someone's being a good Muslim is his leaving alone that which does not concern him.'

[*An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith*]

- (a) Explain the teachings of this Hadith **and** how it can help Muslims in their daily lives. [12]
- (b) To what extent is it always easy for Muslims today to make use of Hadith teachings in their daily lives? Give reasons to support your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

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