

**HISTORY OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD  
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PAPER 3**

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2 hours

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer three questions:
  - one from Section A;
  - one from Section B;
  - one from either Section.

**SECTION A****The Fatimids 909–1171 AD**

1. Assess the achievements of the Fatimid caliph al-Hakim.
2. What was the role of the Ismaili ideology in the Fatimid state?

**The Ottomans 1400–1566 AD**

3. “The conquest of Constantinople was only the beginning of Ottoman greatness.” Discuss.
4. “The early Ottoman state was a *ghazi* state.” Evaluate the truth of this statement.

**The Mughals of India**

5. What factors contributed to the establishment of Mughal rule in India?
6. “Akbar was the greatest of the Mughal rulers.” Discuss.

**Warfare in the medieval Islamic world**

7. With reference to at least **two** battles involving Muslim forces, discuss the types of tactics used by both sides in the conflict.
8. Assess the importance of seige warfare in the period of the Crusades.

**SECTION B****Muslim rule in Spain 711–1492 AD**

9. Compare and contrast the roles of Abd al-Rahman I and Abd al-Rahman III.
10. Discuss the reasons for the final collapse of Muslim rule in al-Andalus.

**The Islamic city 650–1600 AD**

11. With examples from at least **two** Islamic cities in different geographical regions, analyse the main characteristics of an Islamic city.
12. Why did al-Mansur build the Round City of Baghdad?

**The intellectual legacy of Islam**

13. Discuss the impact of al-Ghazali on Islamic thought.
14. Evaluate the extent to which medieval Arabic intellectual activity helped the transfer of Greek ideas into the European intellectual tradition.

**Islamic art and architecture**

15. Evaluate the importance of the mosque in Islamic architecture.
  16. Give a critical appreciation of **one** of the following: the Alhambra, the Great Mosque of Cordoba, the Mosque of Ibn Tulun in Cairo, the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem.
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