
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.

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.

Part 1

- 1 (a) Write about the importance of Mecca in pre-Islamic Arabia. [10]
 (b) Was the tribal system before the coming of Islam good for the Arabs? Discuss. [10]
- 2 (a) Describe how the relationship between Khadijah and Muhammad [pbuh] developed and led to their marriage. [10]
 (b) What can be learnt from this long and happy relationship? [10]
- 3 (a) What was the importance of
 (i) Umar, **and**
 (ii) Ali among the early Muslims in Mecca in the years before the hijrah? [10]
 (b) Explain what gave strength to the early Muslims to face the persecution they received from the Quraish. [10]
- 4 (a) Write about
 (i) how the human voice was chosen to call Muslims for prayer **and**
 (ii) the change in the direction of prayer [*qiblah*]. [10]
 (b) What was the nature of the relationship between the Prophet [pbuh] and the Muslims in Medina? [10]
- 5 (a) What were the events leading up to the Conquest of Mecca? [10]
 (b) Explain how the behaviour of the Prophet [pbuh] at the Conquest of Mecca demonstrated his character. [10]
- 6 (a) Describe what happened during Abu Bakr's reign as Caliph. [10]
 (b) Explain the contribution Abu Bakr made to Islam before he became Caliph. [10]

Part 2

- 7 (a) How did the Prophet [pbuh]
- (i) receive revelations **and**
 - (ii) how were these revelations collected and recorded during his lifetime? [10]
- (b) Comment on the significance of verses 1 to 5 of Sura Alaq [96]. [10]
- 8 (a) Outline the main teachings of Sura Fateha [1:1-7]. [10]
- (b) Discuss the use of 'In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful' [*Bismillah ar Rahman ar Rahim*] in the life of a Muslim. [10]
- 9 (a) Relate the story from the life of the Prophet Musa [AS]
- (i) when Allah spoke to him about going to Pharaoh with His message **and**
 - (ii) his encounter with Pharaoh and his magicians. [10]
- (b) What lessons can Muslims learn by reflecting on the life of the Prophet Musa [AS]? [10]
- 10 (a) Write about the importance of
- (i) reciting the *talbiyah* before Hajj **and**
 - (ii) the Standing [*wuquf*] at Arafat. [10]
- (b) Why is Hajj an important achievement in the life of a Muslim? [10]
- 11 (a) What occurs when a Muslim marriage ceremony takes place? [10]
- (b) 'And among His signs is that He created spouses from among yourselves for you to live with in tranquillity...' [30:21] Discuss with reference to marriage in Islam. [10]
- 12 (a) Describe and briefly explain the four main types of Hadith. [10]
- (b) As Muslims have the Qur'an to what extent do they need the Hadith? [10]

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