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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.
Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen.
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **five** questions.
Answer at least **one** question from each section.
You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.
The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

Section A

- 1 Explain how Mu'awiya and his immediate successors up to 'Abd al-Malik in the period between 661 and 705 maintained their power in the face of internal and external opposition.
- 2 Discuss the steps taken by the Umayyad caliphs to promote the Arab and Muslim character of their administrations. [20]
- 3 Give an account of the caliphate of Harun al-Rashid, explaining why he is often seen as a popular ruler. [20]

Section B

- 4 It is said that Imam al-Shafi'i was the most important of the early legal experts. Give reasons to agree or disagree with this opinion. [20]
- 5 (a) What specific methods were used to ensure that the six authoritative collections of Hadith contained only authentic sayings of the Prophet? [12]
(b) Give **two** examples of how the Hadith have been employed in Muslim life. [8]
- 6 With specific examples from the Qur'an, discuss the place of reason in Islam. [20]

Section C

- 7 'The events at Siffin and Karbala had a direct impact on the development of early Shi'i Islam. Give reasons why you agree or disagree with this statement.
- 8 What would you say are the main contributions of Imam Abu Hamid al-Ghazali to the relationship between Muslim belief and practice? [20]
- 9 Explain why Islamic theologians have traditionally been hostile towards philosophy. [20]

Section D

- 10 Give an account of the main teachings of any **two** of the following:
- (a) Muhammad 'Abduh
 - (b) Muhammad Iqbal
 - (c) Abu A'la al-Mawdudi. [20]
- 11 Give reasons to agree or disagree with the view that the proper place for a Muslim woman is in the home. [20]
- 12 With specific references, discuss the main Qur'anic teachings on faiths other than Islam. [20]

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