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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 [].

This document has **4** pages. Blank pages are indicated.

Answer **three** questions in total.

Choose **one** question from each section.

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

Section A: Arabia in the Pre-Islamic period

- 1 (a) State **four** beliefs about God held by the hanifs. [4]
- (b) Outline the role of the Shaykh in the Pre-Islamic period. [10]
- (c) Discuss which aspects of Arab character led Arabs to become Muslims. [6]
- [Total: 20]
- 2 (a) State **four** religious beliefs or practices from the Pre-Islamic period that were continued by the Muslims. [4]
- (b) Outline **two** examples from the early life of Muhammad (pbuh) that showed his character. [10]
- (c) 'The early life of the Prophet (pbuh) influenced his later teachings on the care of orphans.' To what extent do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [6]
- [Total: 20]

Section B: Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

- 3 (a) Give **two** ways in which Khadija supported Muhammad (pbuh) after their marriage. [4]
- (b) Give an account of the measures taken against the Prophet (pbuh) by the Quraish after he had made his message public. [10]
- (c) 'Muslims should follow the example of the Prophet (pbuh) when they face persecution today.' To what extent do you agree? Give your own opinion and reasons for your answer. [6]
- [Total: 20]
- 4 (a) Describe the events that happened in Medina when the Prophet (pbuh) became ill and died. [4]
- (b) Give an account of the teachings in the Farewell Sermon. [10]
- (c) To what extent do Muslims today follow the teachings of the Prophet (pbuh) about equality? Give your own opinion and reasons for your answer. [6]
- [Total: 20]

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

5 Sura 96: 1–5

- 1 Proclaim! (or Read!)
In the name
Of thy Lord and Cherisher,
Who created—
- 2 Created man, out of
A (mere) clot
Of congealed blood:
- 3 Proclaim! And thy Lord
Is Most Bountiful,—
- 4 He Who taught
(The use of) the Pen,—
- 5 Taught man that
Which he knew not.

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

- (a) Explain the meaning of these verses of Sura Alaq, which were revealed to Muhammad (pbuh) in cave Hira. [12]
- (b) How might Muslims today make good use of the abilities given to them by God? Give examples and show that you have thought about different points of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

6 Hadith No 13 Love

None of you [truly] believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself.

[An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith]

- (a) Explain the teachings in this Hadith **and** give examples of how it might be put into practice by Muslims. [12]
- (b) 'Being kind is not the best way to help others.'
To what extent do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

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