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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.



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**Section A**

- 1 By tracing the events of the caliphates of 'Ali and Mu'awiyah, show how the Umayyad dynasty came into power and suppressed resistance to its rule. [20]
- 2 (a) Trace the main stages by which the 'Abbasids seized power from the Umayyads. [8]  
(b) Discuss **three** major reasons for the change of dynasty. [12]
- 3 It is often asserted that the 'Abbasid dynasty reached the height of its success during the first century of its rule. Discuss, saying why you agree or disagree. [20]

**Section B**

- 4 Give reasons to explain why al-Ash'ari is regarded as one of the most influential thinkers of early Islam. [20]
- 5 (a) Why were the Mu'tazilah known as the people of divine justice? [10]  
(b) Why did their opponents disagree with them over the contents of their teachings about the justice of God? [10]
- 6 Write briefly on the following legal scholars in Islam, pointing out clearly what is distinctive about their teachings:
- (a) Malik b. Anas [5]  
(b) Abu Hanifah [5]  
(c) al-Shafi'i [5]  
(d) Ahmad b. Hanbal [5]

**Section C**

- 7 Give reasons why Shi'ites attach great importance to the succession of the Imams. [20]
- 8 Identify and explain the significance of **two** main teachings of the philosophers that led to disagreement with theological thinkers in early Islam. [20]
- 9 (a) Describe the relationship between Sufism and Islam. [8]
- (b) How far did al-Ghazali succeed in his attempt to reform Sufi beliefs? [12]

**Section D**

- 10 With reference to any country you know where Muslims are in a minority, discuss:
- (a) the major problems they face [8]
- and**
- (b) the opportunities they have
- in living their lives as Muslims. [12]
- 11 Outline the teachings of Islam about the place of women, and show how these teachings are put into practice among Muslims in a country you know. [20]
- 12 (a) Trace the early historical development of the Muslim Brotherhood of Egypt founded by Hasan al-Banna. [12]
- (b) Discuss the significance of its main ideas today. [8]

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