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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 Why were the reigns of Mu'awiyah and his son Yazid full of violent events? [20]
- 2 Present a critical assessment of the Caliphates of:
- (a) 'Abd al-Malik [685–705] [12]
- and either**
- (b) 'Umar II [717–720] [8]
- or**
- (c) Marwan II [744–750]. [8]
- 3 Why did the personal authority of the 'Abbasid caliphs begin to decline only a century after their dynasty came to power? [20]

Section B

- 4 Explain why the Mu'tazilah were often referred to as 'the People of Divine Unity' [*Ahl al-tawhid*]. [20]
- 5 (a) Outline the main stages that led to the compilation of the Sunnah in the six canonical collections. [10]
- (b) Identify and discuss the main methods by which the compilers ensured that the Hadiths were authentic. [10]
- 6 Many Muslim scholars regard al-Shafi'i as the most important of the early legal experts. Give reasons to agree or disagree with this judgement. [20]

Section C

- 7 Give a critical account of the following in the development of early Shi'i Islam:
- (a) the battle of Siffin [8]
 - (b) the massacre of Karbala. [12]
- 8 Compare and contrast the differing understandings of authority in Sunni and Shi'i Islam. [20]
- 9 Explain why many great theologians of Islam condemned the thinking of the philosophers as inconsistent with Islamic teachings. [20]

Section D

- 10 Outline the main differences between the religious thought of Hasan al-Banna' and Muhammad Iqbal. [20]
- 11 'Unto you is your religion, and unto me my religion.' (Surah 109:6)
- Explain this statement, showing how the Qur'an treats Jews and Christians. [20]
- 12 'When it comes to women, Muslims only pay lip-service to the teachings of the Qur'an and Sunnah.'
- Discuss, giving reasons as to why you agree or disagree with this claim. [20]

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