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ISLAMIC STUDIES GCE Advanced Level Syllabus 9013

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The aims of this syllabus are to motivate candidates to develop an enquiring and critical approach to the study of fundamental questions of religious practices, beliefs, morality and interpretations, and to explore such issues within the context of a religious tradition or traditions.

To achieve the above, candidates will be required to gain some understanding of the religious writings, history and current affairs of Islam and be able to think and argue intelligently about the subject.

ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

The examination will test the candidate's:

(a)	knowledge of the topics and specified texts	[60%]
(b)	understanding of the meaning and significance of the material studied	[25%]
(c)	ability to express himself/herself explicitly, logically and critically in any argument.	[15%]

SCHEME OF ASSESSMENT

The examination will consist of **two** papers, each of three hours' duration.

Each paper will consist of **four** sections, A, B, C and D. Candidates will be required to answer **five** questions, choosing at least one from each section. At least three questions will be set in each section. Results in AS Level may **not** be carried over to the A level.

Candidates offering Islamic Studies at Advanced Level (9013) will take Papers 1 and 2.

SYLLABUS CONTENT

Paper 1 [9013/01]

Section A: The Beginnings of Islam

- (a) Pre-Islamic Arabia: social and economic conditions, beliefs and customs
- (b) The life of the Prophet (pbuh): his early years and the first period of his proclamations to 622, his challenge to the beliefs of Mecca, the successful years at Medina until his death, his sense of being chosen as God's messenger, his role as prophet and statesman
- (c) **The Four Rightly-Guided Caliphs:** the main events of their caliphates, the challenges they faced, their achievements in maintaining and extending the rule of Islam

Section B: The Holy Qur'an

- (a) Its mode of revelation, its compilation in the early years of Islam, its structure and major themes
- (b) A detailed study of the following *surahs*:
 - al-Fatihah 1
 - al-Bagarah 2:1-193
 - Al 'Imran 3:35-62
 - al-Anbiya 21:50-112
 - al-Qasas 28:1-44
 - al-Duha 93
 - al-Qadr 97
 - al-Takathur 102
 - al-Kafirun 109
 - al-Ikhlas 112
- (c) Its authority and place in Islamic beliefs, its relationship with other sources of knowledge

Section C: Beliefs and Practices of Islam

- (a) **The Five Pillars of Islam:** Declaration of Faith (*Shahadah*), Prayer (*Salat*), Almsgiving (*Zakat*), Fasting (*Sawm*), Pilgrimage (*Hajj*); their function in bringing the individual closer to God and in binding the community together; their meaning in Islamic beliefs
- (b) Festivals and religious observances: 'ld al-Fitr, 'ld al-Adha, marriages, funerals
- (c) The Articles of Faith: God, his being and relationship with the created world, Angels, Books, Prophets, and particularly the significance of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) as model of behaviour, Resurrection and the Day of Judgement; jihad, the nature and destiny of humanity, the command to enjoin good and prohibit wrong, God's predestination of all events

Section D: The Bases of Islamic Law

- (a) The Holy Qur'an as source of all teachings in Islam, methods of interpreting its teachings
- (b) The Prophet's Sunnah as a source of guidance for Muslims; its relationship to the Holy Qur'an.
- (c) The importance of the Shari'ah in the life of Muslim communities and individuals; the function of consensus (*ijma*'), analogy (*qiyas*) and individual endeavour (*ijtihad*) in legal thinking

Paper 2 [9013/02]

Section A: The Early Dynasties of Islam

- (a) The Umayyads: the establishment of the dynasty, the main events of their rule, their decline and collapse
 - A special study of the following caliphs: Mu'awiya (661-80), 'Abd al-Malik (685-705), 'Umar II (717-20), Marwan II (744-50).
- (b) **The early 'Abbasids:** their seizure of the caliphate, the changes to administration of the state under their rule, their decline and weakness after 850.
- (c) A special study of the following caliphs: Abu al-'Abbas al-Saffah (750-54), Abu Ja'far al-Mansur (754-75), al-Mahdi (775-85), Harun al-Rashid (786-809), al-Ma'mun (813-33), al-Mutawakkil (847-61)

Section B: Religious Thought in Early Islam

- (a) The early development of the Shari'ah; the contributions of Malik b. Anas, Abu Hanifah, al-Shafi'i and Ahmad b. Hanbal; their legal methods
- (b) The compilation of the Sunnah of the Prophet culminating in the Six Canonical Collections (the Sahih Sittah), and the methods employed by the major collectors of Hadith
- (c) The debate over reason and revelation, the main principles of the Mu'tazilah and their attitude towards knowledge, their theological opponents, the contribution of Abu al-Hasan al-Ash'ari

Section C: Variety in Islamic Beliefs

- (a) The early history of Shi'i Islam, the role of the Imams, questions of religious authority between Sunnis and Shi'is, Shi'i Islam and politics
- (b) Sufism with special reference to early mystics and particularly Abu Hamid al-Ghazali; its principle teachings and relationship to orthodox beliefs
- (c) Islamic philosophy and its relationship to religious thinking

Section D: Islam in the World Today

- (a) Early modern intellectual movements in Islam, including the Salafis, Muhammad 'Abduh and Hasan al-Banna', Sayyid Ahmad Khan, Muhammad Iqbal, Abu A'la al-Mawdudi
- (b) The relation between Islam and other faiths, especially Judaism and Christianity
- (c) The place of women in Islam
- (d) Muslims living as minorities, their part in the wider community and adherence to Islamic principles

RECOMMENDED READING: PAPER 1

The Meaning of the Holy Qur'an, translated by 'Abdullah Yusuf 'Ali

Mawlana Muhammad Ali The Religion of Islam,

Taj Company, 3151 Turkman Gate, Delhi 110006

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I.R. al-Faruqi Islam, Argus Communications, Niles, Illinois, 1979 P.K. Hitti History of the Arabs, Macmillan, London, 1964

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Academy, Lahore, 1994 (1983)

J. Jomier The Great Themes of the Qur'an, SCM Press, London, 1997

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A. Rippin Muslims, their Religious Beliefs and Practices (second edition),

Routledge, London, 2001

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H.U.W. Stanton

Islam, a Concise Introduction, Curzon Press, Richmond, 1999

The Teaching of the Qur'an, Darf Publishers, London, 1987 (1919)

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Muhammad Prophet and Statesman. Oxford University Press.

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Azami The Study of Hadith Literature,

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SPECIMEN QUESTION PAPER 9013/01 Islamic Studies

SECTION A

1.	Islam?	[20]
2.	Discuss the ways in which the hijrah enabled the Prophet to put into practice the teachings he ha received at Mecca.	
3.	Explain why the murder of `Uthman proved so disastrous for the Muslim community in the yea followed.	rs that [20]
SECT	ION B	
4. and	(a) Explain why the first Muslims thought it important to collect the Qur'an in a written form,(b) describe how they did this under the early caliphs.	[8] [12]
5.	Give an outline of the main teachings about God in Surat al-Ikhlas, and explain the importance his Surah in the Qur'an as a whole.	
6. and	Discuss the main teachings of the Qur'an about: (a) the line of prophetic messengers sent from God; (b) the revealed books they brought.	[10] [10]
SECT	ION C	
7. and	(a) Write a brief account of the way in which Muslims fast,(b) Explain why fasting is thought important in Islam.	[12] [8]
8.	Discuss the historical and social significance of `ld al-Adha.	[20]
9. and	Outline the main teachings of Islam about (a) God's predestination of human actions, (b) the last judgement.	[10] [10]
SECT	ION D	
10.	How are the teachings of the Qur'an made relevant in new circumstances?	[20]
11.	With the help of examples, show how the Hadith assist Muslims as they live their daily lives.	[20]
12.	Give reasons to explain why there has always been some doubt about the use of analogy (among legal experts.	qiyas) [20]



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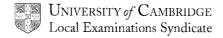
SPECIMEN MARK SCHEME

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SPECIMEN MARK SCHEME 9013/01 Islamic Studies

SECTION A

1. To what extent were the beliefs and practices of the pagan Arabs rejected by the teachings of Islam?

There should be some mention of obvious pagan beliefs and practices that were rejected, including polytheism, burial of baby daughters, circumambulating the ka`ba naked, etc. But better answers will refer to the continuing belief in Allah, pilgrimage and some of its ceremonies, observance of holy months, etc. The best answers will attempt to explain why they were retained.

2. Discuss the ways in which the hijrah enabled the Prophet to put into practice the teachings he had received at Mecca.

Answers should attempt to link together teachings from the Meccan period and activities from the Medinan period. Only give more than half marks for essays that make this link. Obvious examples will include: uniting people under belief in one God, achieving social equality, and being loyal to God rather than clan ties. The best answers might suggest that the Prophet's practices at Medina arose mainly from teachings received there rather than in Mecca.

 Explain why the murder of `Uthman proved so disastrous for the Muslim community in the years that followed.

There will be an amount of description in answers to this question, and this should include Talhah and Zubayr's reaction to `Ali's hesitation over punishing the assassins, and Mu`wiyah'a refusal to show him allegiance. Better answers will comment on the consequences of these confrontations for the unity of the empire, the emergence of the Shi`ah as party of opposition, and the continuing split in Islam. The best answers will attempt proper explanations of how `Uthman's murder led to these consequences.

SECTION B

- 4. (a) Explain why the first Muslims thought it important to collect the Qur'an in a written form, [8] and (b) describe how they did this under the early caliphs. [12]
 - (a) The main reason will be that after the Prophet's death there was no immediate source of guidance. The Qur'an was seen to be the main reference for the future development of the community. Answers should also mention the understanding that the revelation was complete and its parts should be brought together.
 - (b) Answers should refer to the first collection under Abu Bakr after the Battle of Yamamah, the *mushaf* of Hafsah, and the second collection under `Uthman; the reasons why `Uthman ordered it, the part played by the committee and Zayd Ibn Thabit, and particularly the methods they employed in compilation.
- 5. Give an outline of the main teachings about God in Surat al-Ikhlas, and explain the importance of this Surah in the Qur'an as a whole. [20]

Answers should include a summary of the main details of the teaching in the Surah - a simple quotation without any discussion of its important elements is not enough. There should also be some attempt to link these elements with other teachings in the Qur'an concerning God, particularly his oneness as this is variously presented, his distinctiveness from all other beings, and the repeated denial that he could have physical links with a son or any other being.

6. Discuss the main teachings of the Qur'an about

(a) the line of prophetic messengers sent from God,

[10]

and (b) the revealed books they brought.

[10]

- (a) Answers should identify some of the main messengers and the communities to which they were sent; their experiences at the hands of their people; the reasons why God sent messengers; the purpose of their teachings.
- (b) Again, the main books referred to in the Qur'an should be identified; they should be linked with each other and with the Qur'an in terms of the harmony of their contents; the reasons why they are no longer reliable should be examined.

In both parts, better answers will go beyond descriptive accounts, and attempt to give reasons for the line of messengers and succession of books.

SECTION C

7. (a) Write a brief account of the way in which Muslims fast,

[12]

and (b) Explain why fasting is thought important in Islam.

[8]

- (a) Look for precise details of the beginning and end of Ramadan, the length of the daily fast, beginning and ending the fast, prohibited actions and recommended actions, including *tarawih* prayers, exceptions to fasting.
- (b) Give the highest marks to clear explanations of the importance of fasting, including God's command (look for quotations from the Qur'an), the sense of discipline, solidarity with the community, and identification with the poor.
- 8. Discuss the historical and social significance of `ld al-Adha.

[20]

The festival links the believer with Ibrahim. Look for descriptions of how this is and why re-enacting the sacrifice is important spiritually and historically.

It also links believers throughout the world, and especially with pilgrims in Mecca at this time. It is a sign of the unity in the community. It brings Muslims together physically and strengthens family identity.

9. Outline the main teachings of Islam about

(a) God's predestination of human actions,

[10]

and (b) the last judgement.

[10]

- (a) There should be some discussion of divine *qadar* and human moral responsibility, and how they are related. Good answers will include quotations from the Qur'an, and the best answers should refer to the problems of omnipotence versus free-will, and of an omnipotent God punishing sins for which the perpetrators cannot be held responsible.
- (b) There should be some description of the main events related to the Judgement, but better answers will refer to the moral dimensions, indicating how judgement will be decided, and who will and will not be saved.

SECTION C

10. How are the teachings of the Qur'an made relevant in new circumstances?

[20]

Answers should outline the relationship between the four bases of Islamic law, and explain how the implications of the teachings in the Qur'an are made more explicit and extended by each of them. Full answers will give examples of how this happens, and the best answers will discuss the need to remain true to the Qur'an and the problem raised by decisions that have to be made in the absence of clear guidance in Qur'an or Hadith.

11. With the help of examples, show how the Hadith assist Muslims as they live their daily lives. [20]

There should be clear examples and at least some quotations, and the discussion should range from individual aspects of life to the communal. Give credit for examples that arise from Muslim life in actual situations in the candidate's own country. Some of the best answers should refer to the Hadith as part of the total teachings of Islam.

12. Give reasons to explain why there has always been some doubt about the use of analogy (qiyas) among legal experts. [20]

The main discussion here should centre on the issue of analogy being based upon establishing a connection between the new situation for which a legal decision is required and a situation that is already familiar. Candidates should be able to show how there is more individual involvement in this process than in employing other legal principles, and to explain why this raises the risk of departure from the Qur'an and innovation. Look for examples accompanied by discussions of their significance.

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- 1. Explain how Mu'awiyah and his immediate successors achieved power and maintained it against opposition. [20]
- 2. Trace the events that brought the `Abbasid dynasty to power, referring particularly to the part played by Abu Muslim. [20]
- Give an account of the achievements of any two of the following `Abbasid caliphs:
 Abu Ja`far Mansur
 Harun al-Rashid
 al-Ma'mun.

[2x10]

SECTION B

- 4. Al-Shafi`i is often regarded as the greatest legal scholar of early Islam. Give reasons to agree or disagree with this estimation. [20]
- 5. (a) Describe the process of collecting the Hadith in the period up to and including al-Bukhari and his fellow collectors.
 - (b) Comment on the methods employed to ensure the Hadiths were authentic.

[6]

(c) Explain why it was thought important to make these Hadith collections.

- [4]
- 6. Give reasons to explain the importance of Abu al-Hasan al-Ash`ari in the development of theological thinking in early Islam. [20]

SECTION C

- 7. Compare and contrast the differing understandings of authority in Sunni and Shi'i Islam. [20]
- 8. Choose one well-known mystic who lived in the `Abbasid period, and discuss his contribution to the intellectual life of Islam. [20]
- 9. What are the main differences between the principles employed in Islamic philosophy and Islamic theological thought? [20]

SECTION D

- 10. Muhammad Iqbal died before the foundation of the state of Pakistan. So why is he thought to be so important in its founding? [20]
- 11. (a) Outline the teaching of Islam about the place of women; [12]
- and (b) Show how this teaching is put into practice in a Muslim country you know. [8]
- 12. Explain the major teachings of Islam about attitudes towards
 - (a) the People of the Book, [12]

and (b) believers in other religions. [8]



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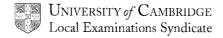
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SPECIMEN MARK SCHEME 9013/02 Islamic Studies

Section A

1. Explain how Mu'awiyah and his immediate successors achieved power and maintained it against opposition. [20]

This is mainly about Mu`awiyah's opposition to `Ali, and Yazid's crushing of Hasan and Husayn, but it also includes the tensions between Arab and non-Arab Muslims. Look for full accounts of the main encounters between the opposing forces, but give higher marks for reasons why there was opposition and tension.

2. Trace the events that brought the `Abbasid dynasty to power, referring particularly to the part played by Abu Muslim. [20]

Answers should give the main emphasis to the propaganda efforts on the part of the `Abbasids and their agents. Good answers must include substantial comments about the prominence of Abu Muslim and his call to return to a purer form of Islam. But give some credit for comments about the weakness of the last Umayyads.

3. Give an account of the achievements of any **two** of the following `Abbasid caliphs:

Abu Ja`far Mansur Harun al-Rashid al-Ma'mun

.[2x10]

In each case allow some marks for factual accounts, but look for some identification of the main achievements of the caliph. Better answers will explain the importance of these achievements.

SECTION B

4. Al-Shafi`i is often regarded as the greatest legal scholar of early Islam. Give reasons to agree or disagree with this estimation.

[20]

Answers should include an account of al-Shafi`i's main contribution to legal method in establishing the supremacy of the Hadith as the main source for interpreting the Qur'an. They should also place al-Shafi`i in his own time. Better answers will make some comparison between him and one or more other great jurists and show how his methods differ from theirs. The best answers will attempt to evaluate his methods against those of others.

- (a) Describe the process of collecting the Hadith in the period up to and including al-Bukhari and his fellow collectors.
 - (b) Comment on the methods employed to ensure the Hadiths were authentic.

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(c) Explain why it was thought important to make these Hadith collections.

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(a) Look for the major known collections in the early centuries with the names of the main collectors and the form of compilation used.

There should be references to the names of al-Bukhari's contemporaries, and to the troubles they took to find reliable transmitters.

- (b) There should be reference to the relationship between the *isnad* and *matn*. Look for explanations of the concentration upon the authenticity and likelihood of the *isnad* chain. Examples of particular *muhaddiths* and their care in selecting. The categories of Hadiths.
- (c) The Hadiths provide detailed interpretation and explanation of the Qur'an. In legal matters experts such as al-Shafi`i regarded the Hadiths as a basic source of teaching.

6. Give reasons to explain the importance of Abu al-Hasan al-Ash`ari in the development of theological thinking in early Islam.

Answers should give brief biographical details about al-Ash`ari, and particularly mention his abandonment of Mu'tazilism for a more traditional form of theological thinking. The main discussion in the question should focus on his attempt to defend the main teachings of the Qur'an by employing rational methods. The best answers will explain the need for doing this in the circumstances of his time, and will place him between the extreme rationalists and those who rejected the use of rational methods in theology.

SECTION C

7. Compare and contrast the differing understandings of authority in Sunni and Shi`i Islam. [20]

Answers should centre on the Sunni sources of the Qur'an and Sunnah of the Prophet, and the Shi'i sources of the Qur'an and examples of the Imams. Good answers will detail how the different principles work in practice, with the Sunni emphasis on employing the Sunnah for interpretation of the Qur'an, and the Shi`i emphasis on employing scholarly reason.

8. Choose one well-known mystic who lived in the `Abbasid period, and discuss his contribution to the intellectual life of Islam. [20]

Factual accounts of the chosen figure should be included in full answers. There should also be discussion of his main teachings, as well as their importance in Islamic intellectual history.

9. What are the main differences between the principles employed in Islamic philosophy and Islamic theological thought?

The main focus here should be on the origins of philosophy in Greek thought, and the origins of theology in the Qur'an. Better answers will explain why this happened historically, and what were the implications for mutual understanding and acceptance between representatives of the two traditions. The best answers will outline how there was some similarity and convergence as philosophers discussed the place of creation and revelation in their systems, and theologians employed rational methods to defend and interpret their teachings.

SECTION D

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10. Muhammad Iqbal died before the foundation of the state of Pakistan. So why is he thought to be so important in its founding? [20]

Answers should discuss Iqbal's teachings about the need for a separate future for Indian Muslims, and why he stressed the necessity of this. They should go on to show how the founding of the state derived from the inspiration he gave.

11. (a) Outline the teaching of Islam about the place of women; [12]

(b) Show how this teaching is put into practice in a Muslim country you know.

[8]

- (a) Answers to this straightforward question should give accurate details about the main teachings of the Qur'an concerning women. Better answers will include quotations to support the points made.
- (b) Here there should be a discussion about the place of women in the society of the chosen country, both how this expresses the traditional teachings in modern circumstances, and how it maybe contravenes them.
- Explain the major teachings of Islam about attitudes towards 12.

(a) the People of the Book.

[12]

(b) believers in other religions. and

In answers to each part there should be discussion of the major references in the Qur'an and Sunna to the relationship between Islam and other faiths. Better answers will go on to show how these are applied in the contemporary world.