



**HISTORY OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD  
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PAPER 3**

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2 hours

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer three questions:
  - one from Section A;
  - one from Section B;
  - one from either Section.

## SECTION A

### **The Fatimids 909–1171 AD / 297–567 AH**

1. Assess the achievements of al-Mu'izz.
2. Examine the religious policies of the Fatimids.

### **The Ottomans 1400–1566 AD / 802–973 AH**

3. To what extent was the fall of Constantinople in 1453 a turning point in Ottoman history?
4. Assess the importance of the Ottoman navy in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.

### **The Mughals of India**

5. How did the Mughal rulers of India treat their Hindu subjects?
6. “The government of Mughal India was based on Persian models.” Discuss this statement.

### **Warfare in the medieval Islamic world**

7. Assess the role of the Turks in medieval Islamic armies.
8. Compare and contrast the battles of Hattin and Ayn Jalut.

## SECTION B

### **Muslim rule in Spain 711–1492 AD / 93–897 AH**

9. Assess the achievements of Abd al-Rahman I.
  
10. Examine the factors which led to the downfall of Umayyad rule in Spain.

### **The Islamic city 650–1600 AD / 30–1009 AH**

11. How would a medieval traveller recognise an Islamic city?
  
12. Trace the development of the city of Cairo from its foundation to the Ottoman period.

### **The intellectual legacy of Islam**

13. “Muslim scholars were not narrow specialists.” Assess this statement in the light of the achievements of Ibn Sina.
  
14. Examine the contribution of the medieval Islamic world to science and mathematics.

### **Islamic art and architecture**

15. “There is no figurative art in the Islamic world.” Discuss this statement.
  
  16. Write a critical appreciation of **one** of the following: the Great Mosque of Cordoba; the Umayyad Mosque in Damascus; the Mosque of Ibn Tulun in Cairo.
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