

**ISLAMIC HISTORY  
HIGHER LEVEL  
PAPER 3**

Thursday 13 May 2004 (morning)

1 hour 30 minutes

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Do not turn over this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer two questions, each chosen from a different option.

**Option 1 – The Fatimids AH297–567 / AD909–1171**

1. Analyse the achievements of the Fatimid ruler al-Muizz.
2. How and why did the Fatimids challenge the Abbasid Caliphs as leaders of the Umma?

**Option 2 – The Ottomans AH680–1342 / AD1400–1566**

3. Discuss the rise of the Ottomans.
4. How successful was the reign of Selim I (AH918–926 / AD1512–1520)?

**Option 3 – Warfare in the medieval Islamic world**

5. Evaluate the part played by jihad movements in the Muslim response to the Crusades.
6. Assess the significance of the battle of al-Qadisiyya.

**Option 4 – Muslim rule in Spain AH92–897 / AD711–1492**

7. Discuss the role of Christians and Jews in Muslim Spain.
8. What were the major characteristics of government in Umayyad Spain?

**Option 5 – The intellectual contribution of Islam**

9. What were the achievements of the medieval Islamic world in the field of science?
10. Assess the contribution to classical Islamic thought made by **either** Ibn Sina **or** al-Ghazali.

**Option 6 – The Islamic city, and Islamic art and architecture**

11. What were the main features of the medieval Islamic city?
12. Assess the importance of **either** the Great Mosque of Cordoba **or** the Blue Mosque in Istanbul.