



ISLAMIC STUDIES

2068/02

Paper 2 Development, Sources, Beliefs and Observances

For Examination from 2017

SPECIMEN PAPER

1 hour 30 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer **three** questions.

Choose **one** question from each section.

You must answer **all** parts of the questions you have chosen.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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Section A: The Caliphate Period/The Four Pious Caliphs

- 1 (a) Give **four** examples of Abu Bakr's personal commitment to Islam. [4]
- (b) Give an account of the main features of Abu Bakr's administration as Caliph. [10]
- (c) In your opinion, which of Abu Bakr's achievements was the greatest one of his rule?
Give reasons to support your views. [6]
- 2 (a) Describe how 'Umar came to be elected as Caliph. [4]
- (b) Give an account of 'Umar's military achievements during his rule. [10]
- (c) ' 'Umar was a better warrior than he was a statesman.'
Discuss this statement and give reasons to support your views. [6]

Section B: The history and importance of the Qur'an and Hadith

- 3 (a) Why did Muhammad (pbuh) choose to spend time in the cave Hira? [4]
- (b) Describe what happened when Muhammad (pbuh) received the first revelation in the cave Hira. [10]
- (c) 'The Qur'an is not as relevant today as it was in the time of Muhammad (pbuh).'
- Discuss this statement, giving **two** reasons to agree or disagree with it. [6]
- 4 (a) Describe the type of religion followed by Prophet Ibrahim's father and his people. [4]
- (b) Give an account of **two** events in the life of Prophet Ibrahim as related in the Qur'an. [10]
- (c) What lessons can be learnt from the story of the life of Prophet Ibrahim and how significant are they to Muslims today? [6]

Section C: Beliefs, practices and rituals

- 5 (a)** Describe the daily features of fasting (*sawm*) in Ramadan. [12]
- (b)** 'Islam demands too much self-discipline from believers.'
- Discuss this statement and give reasons to support your views. [8]
- 6 (a)** Give an account of the rituals and ceremonies that follow the birth of a baby in a Muslim family. [12]
- (b)** 'Children should be brought up to follow the religion of their parents.'
- Discuss this statement with reference to Islam. [8]

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