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ISLAMIC STUDIES **8053/12**

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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **five** questions in total:
  Answer **at least one** question from each section.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 100.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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You must answer **five** questions in all, **one** question from each section and **one** other question.

Section A

1 Describe **four** religious practices known from pre-Islamic Arabia, and explain:

either why the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) abolished them,

or how he revised them to bring them into line with Islam. [20]

2 Explain how the Prophet Muhammad's actions in the period after his migration to Medina in 622 show that he conducted himself as a prophet and a statesman. [20]

3 Explain

(a) why Abu Bakr is known as al-Siddiq. [10]

(b) why 'Ali faced opposition during his caliphate. [10]

Section B

4 **(a)** Outline the parts played by the following in the compilation of the written Qur'an: Hafsa, Zayd ibn Thabit, 'Uthman. [12]

(b) What evidence is there to support the claim that the Qur'an possessed by the early Muslim community was the same as the Qur'an received by the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)? [8]

5 Why do you think Surah al-Ikhlas (112) was said by the Prophet (pbuh) to be worth one third of the whole Qur'an? [20]

6 Making use of the passages set for detailed study, outline the various ways in which the Qur'an presents the theme of prophethood. [20]

Section C

7 Explain how observance of each of the Five Pillars of Islam brings Muslims closer to God. [20]

8 **(a)** Outline the main observances of 'Id al-Fitr and 'Id al-Adha. [12]

(b) Explain how these two observances bring the Muslim community closer together. [8]

9 How does belief in Resurrection and the Day of Judgement affect Muslims in their everyday lives? [20]

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Section D

10 Many hundreds of Qur'an commentaries have been written in different times and places. What do you think is the need for so many? [20]

11 The legal scholar al-Shafi'i said that the Qur'an and the authentic Sunnah never contradict each other. Explain why the two harmonise so closely together. [20]

12 'The Shari'ah is central in importance to Muslims in today's world.' Give reasons to agree or disagree with this statement. [20]

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