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ISLAMIC STUDIES

Paper 2

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.
Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen.
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **five** questions.
Answer at least **one** question from **each** Section.
You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.
The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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You must answer **five** questions in all, **one** question from each sec

Section A

1 **(a)** Trace the main events through which Mu'awiya obtained and the Islamic state.

(b) Explain how his position as caliph differed from that of his pr

2 How did the early 'Abbasid caliphs justify in religious terms their overthrow of the Umayyads? [20]

3 Harun al-Rashid is often regarded as the greatest of the 'Abbasid caliphs. Give reasons to agree or disagree with this view. [20]

Section B

4 What are the main differences in the methods employed by the founders of the four Sunni schools of law? [20]

5 **(a)** Write an account of the methods used by al-Bukhari to ensure the Hadiths he collected were authentic. [12]

(b) Why was it thought important to ensure the Hadiths were authentic? [8]

6 **(a)** Write an account of the Mu'tazili principle of divine justice (*'adl*). [12]

(b) Explain how it conflicted with earlier views which stressed that God was all-powerful. [8]

Section C

7 Why was the position of Imam so powerful for early Shi'i Muslims? [20]

8 **(a)** What are the main teachings of al-Ghazali's *Ihya' 'ulum al-din* ('Revival of the Religious Sciences')? [12]

(b) How would you defend or reject the view that this book is one of the most important Islamic religious texts ever written? [8]

9 How far can Islamic philosophy be accepted by Muslims as a means of explaining the truth about God and the world? [20]

Section D

10 Sayyid Ahmad Khan and Muhammad Iqbal were both of Indian
contains major differences. Examine these differences.

11 **(a)** Outline the main teachings of the Qur'an about women.

(b) How far can these teachings be reconciled with the posi
societies?

12 What are the main challenges that face Muslims who live as minority communities in wider societies? (Focus your answer on one or two countries that you know.) [20]

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