Cambridge International **A Level**

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ISLAMIC STUDIES

Paper 1

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper



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, glue or correction fluid.
DO **NOT** WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

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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Section A

1 **(a)** Write an account of

(i) worship at the ka'ba in pre-Islamic times

(ii) the beliefs of the *hanifs* in pre-Islamic Mecca.

(b) Explain why the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) thought it neces centre of worship. [8]

2 **(a)** Outline the main elements in the Prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) early preaching that caused conflict with the people of Mecca. [10]

(b) What reasons did the Meccans have for not accepting this preaching? [10]

3 The caliph 'Ali fought against a number of opponents. Write a description of one of his major battles, and explain the reasons why it took place. [20]

Section B

4 Write an account of the main differences in character between the Meccan suras and Medinan suras of the Qur'an. [20]

5 It is generally agreed that the order of the suras in the Qur'an is roughly the reverse of the order in which the Prophet received them. Explain the reasons for this. [20]

6 On the basis of the passages you have studied, write an account of the teaching in the Qur'an on *tawhid*, and explain why this teaching is central to Islam. [20]

Section C

7 Why is it important for Muslims not to neglect the Five Pillars of Islam? [20]

8 Many of the annual observances of Islam are linked with the Prophet Abraham. Choose one of these observances, and

(a) describe its connections with Abraham, [12]

(b) explain the significance of these connections. [8]

9 Write a brief account of the references to the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in the Qur'an. What is the significance of these references? [20]

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Section D

10 **(a)** Outline the principle of consensus (*ijma'*) in Islamic law.

(b) Either explain the ways in which consensus is still useful i
explain why it is not useful any longer.

11 'The Qur'an is and always will be fundamental to legal thinking in I
statement.

12 **(a)** Giving at least one example, outline the principle of analogy (*qiyas*) in Islamic legal thinking. [12]

(b) Explain why only qualified legal experts are allowed to practise analogy. [8]

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