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ISLAMIC STUDIES **9488/12**

Paper 1 Islamic Beliefs and Practices **May/June 2023**

1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
  - Answer Question 1.
  - Answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Answer Question 1 and **EITHER** Question 2 **OR** Question 3.

1 Read the following text passages then answer the questions which follow.

Qur'an 17.35

Give full measure when ye measure, and weigh with a balance that is straight: that is the most fitting and the most advantageous in the final determination.

Hadith 199 Hypocrites

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported:
Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "There are three signs of a hypocrite: When he speaks, he lies; when he makes a promise, he breaks it; and when he is trusted, he betrays his trust." [Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

(a) Describe the main teachings from Qur'an 17.35. [5]

(b) Explain how the Prophet (pbuh) kept the promises he made to others. You must refer to Hadith 199 and any other Hadith or verse from the Qur'an that you have studied. [10]

(c) 'In modern times, it is hard for Muslims to keep to the principles of Islam when interacting with others.' Discuss this statement with reference to different points of view. [10]

[Total: 25]

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EITHER

2 **(a)** Explain the importance of Ramadan for Muslims. [10]

(b) 'Fasting in Ramadan is equally as important as a physical act as it is a spiritual act.' Evaluate this statement. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

3 **(a)** Examine the importance of the birth rituals for Muslim families. [10]

(b) 'Physical purification helps Muslims to go to paradise (*jannah*).' Evaluate this statement. [15]

[Total: 25]

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