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ISLAMIC STUDIES **9488/12**

Paper 1 Islamic Beliefs and Practices **October/November 2021**

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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 31.14–15

31.14 And We have enjoined on man (to be good) to his parents: in travail upon travail did his mother bear him, and in years twain was his weaning: (hear the command), "Show gratitude to Me and to thy parents: to Me is (thy final) Goal.

31.15 "But if they strive to make thee join in worship with Me things of which thou hast no knowledge, obey them not; yet bear them company in this life with justice (and consideration), and follow the way of those who turn to me (in love): in the end the return of you all is to Me, and I will tell you the truth (and meaning) of all that ye did."

Hadith 316 Parents
Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported:

A person came to Messenger of Allah (pbuh) and asked, "Who among people is most deserving of my fine treatment?" He (pbuh) said, "Your mother". He again asked, "Who next?" "Your mother", the Prophet (pbuh) replied again. He asked, "Who next?" He (the Prophet (pbuh)) said again, "Your mother." He again asked, "Then who?" Thereupon he (pbuh) said, "Then your father." [Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

(a) Describe the main teachings from Qur'an 31.14–15. [5]

(b) Explain Islamic teachings on treatment of mothers. You must refer to Hadith 316 and at least one other Hadith or verse from the Qur'an that you have studied. [10]

(c) 'Muslims should obey their parents in everything.' Discuss this statement with reference to different points of view. [10]

[Total: 25]

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EITHER

2 **(a)** Explain the purposes of fasting during Ramadan. [10]

(b) 'Ramadan has more benefits for the individual than for the community.' Evaluate this statement. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

3 **(a)** Explain Muslim belief in God's predestination (*qadar*). [10]

(b) 'Muslims lead moral lives because they believe in an afterlife.' Evaluate this statement. [15]

[Total: 25]

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