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ISLAMIC STUDIES **9488/32**

Paper 3 Heritage of Islam **October/November 2021**

1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
  - Section A: answer **one** question.
  - Section B: answer **one** question.
- 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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Section A

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

EITHER

1 Study Fig. 1.1 which shows a minaret.



Fig. 1.1

(a) Describe how Umayyad architecture reflected Islamic beliefs. You should refer to Fig. 1.1 and your own knowledge in your answer. [10]

(b) 'Umayyad art and culture changed little from pre-Islamic times.' Evaluate this statement. [15]

[Total: 25]

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OR

2 Study Fig. 2.1 which shows a Muslim from ʿAbbasid times giving teachings.



Fig. 2.1

(a) Describe the religious policies of the early ʿAbbasid caliphs. You should refer to Fig. 2.1 and your own knowledge in your answer. [10]

(b) 'The early ʿAbbasids ruled according to the Qur'an and Sunnah.' Evaluate this statement. [15]

[Total: 25]

Section B

Answer **EITHER** Question 3 **OR** Question 4.

EITHER

3 **(a)** Explain how Islamic philosophers used reasoning in their writings. [10]

(b) 'Islamic philosophy has little in common with ancient Greek philosophy.' Evaluate this statement. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

4 **(a)** Examine how geometrical patterns on Islamic buildings reflect the Islamic belief in God as Creator. [10]

(b) 'The oneness of God (*tawhid*) is more easily understood through architecture than writings.' Evaluate this statement. [15]

[Total: 25]

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