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ISLAMIC STUDIES **9488/32**

Paper 3 Heritage of Islam **October/November 2023**

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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 Umayyad coins.



Fig. 1.1

(a) Describe how education and trade developed under the Umayyads. You should refer to Fig. 1.1 and your own knowledge in your answer. [10]

(b) 'The Umayyads' most important policies were their religious policies.' Do you agree? Refer to different points of view in your answer. [15]

[Total: 25]

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OR

2 Study Fig. 2.1 which shows Socrates, an ancient Greek philosopher.



Fig. 2.1

(a) Describe the translation movement under the ʿAbbasids. You should refer to Fig. 2.1 and your own knowledge in your answer. [10]

(b) 'The ʿAbbasids succeeded because they were open to other traditions.' Evaluate this statement. You should make reference to different points of view. [15]

[Total: 25]

Section B

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

EITHER

3 **(a)** Explain how Muslims may find meaning in signs in the natural world. [10]

(b) 'It is easier to learn from signs in the natural world than from revelations.'
To what extent is this true for Muslims? [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

4 **(a)** Explain how Islamic beliefs are expressed through the features of **one** mosque that you have studied. [10]

(b) To what extent do mosques display the same features?
Discuss with reference to **two** mosques which you have studied. [15]

[Total: 25]

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