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Paper 1 Islamic Beliefs and Practices **October/November 2024**

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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.

Qurʾan 25.68–70
Those who invoke not, with Allah, any other god, nor slay such life as Allah has made sacred except for just cause, nor commit fornication; – and any that does this (not only) meets punishment. (But) the Penalty on the Day of Judgment will be doubled to him, and he will dwell therein in ignominy,– Unless he repents, believes, and works righteous deeds, for Allah will change the evil of such persons into good, and Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

Hadith 18, Repentance
ʿAbdullah bin ʿUmar bin Al-Khattab reported that: The Prophet (pbuh) said, "Allah accepts a slave's repentance as long as the latter is not on his death bed (that is, before the soul of the dying person reaches the throat)." [At-Tirmidhi]

(a) Describe the main teachings of Qurʾan 25.68–70. [5]

(b) Explain how the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) encourage Muslims to repent to God. [10]

(c) To what extent should Muslims consider God's forgiveness more than God's punishment? Discuss with reference to different points of view. [10]

[Total: 25]

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EITHER

2 **(a)** Explain the role of prophets as a connection between God and humans. [10]

(b) 'It is easier to understand guidance from prophets than from books.' Evaluate this statement. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

3 **(a)** Examine different rituals of daily prayer in Islam. [10]

(b) 'Prayer (*salah*) is the best way to connect to God.' Do you agree? Discuss with reference to different points of view. [15]

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