



You must answer **five** questions in all, **one** question from each section and **one** other

### Section A

- 1 (a) What does the Qur'an tell us about the beliefs and practices of the people of pre-Islamic Arabia? [10]
- (b) What are its main criticisms of these beliefs and practices? [10]
- 2 When he was in Medina, why did the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) regard the defeat of the people of Mecca as a primary aim? [20]
- 3 (a) Why did the caliph 'Uthman encounter hostility from Muslims in Egypt? [10]
- (b) Why did the caliph 'Ali and Mu'awiyah meet in battle at Siffin? [10]

### Section B

- 4 (a) Give a detailed account of the steps taken to make a collection of the Qur'an under the caliph 'Uthman. [10]
- (b) Why was this important for the early development of Islam? [10]
- 5 With particular reference to Surat Al 'Imran, give an outline of what the Qur'an teaches about the unique characteristics of the prophet Jesus ('Isa), compared with other prophets. [20]
- 6 'Without the Qur'an there would be no Islam.' Explain and evaluate this statement. [20]

### Section C

- 7 Outline the ways in which performing the ceremonies of the annual pilgrimage (*hajj*) reminds pilgrims of the prophet Abraham (Ibrahim). How are they likely to be affected by these reminders of him? [20]
- 8 (a) What are the distinctive features of the Friday communal prayers that are not shared by prayers at other times? [12]
- (b) How do these features influence solidarity in the community? [8]
- 9 (a) Outline the main ways in which Muslims believe God acts and has acted within the created world. [12]
- (b) What do Muslims mean when they call God the All-knowing and All-powerful (*al-'Alim al-Qadir*)? [8]

**Section D**

- 10 When the Qur'an appears to be silent on an issue, what methods are used to decide whether an issue is acceptable in Islam?
- 11 Giving examples from specific Hadiths, explain how Muslim individuals put the Prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) Sunnah into practice today. [20]
- 12 Write a detailed account of the way in which the principle of analogy (*qiyas*) is used, providing at least one example to illustrate your explanation. [20]

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