
ISLAMIC RELIGION AND CULTURE

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Paper 1

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2 hours 30 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer **five** questions.

Choose any **two** questions from Part 1 and any **two** questions from Part 2 and **one** other question from either Part 1 or Part 2.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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Answer **five** questions in total.

Choose any **two** questions from Part 1 and any **two** questions from Part 2, and **one** other question from either Part 1 or Part 2.

Part 1

- 1 (a) Describe the economic system of the Arabs during the pre-Islamic period. [10]
 (b) To what extent did the socio-economic way of life change after the Arabs became Muslim? [10]
- 2 (a) Give an account of the Prophet's proclamation at Safa **and** the reaction of the Meccans to this. [10]
 (b) Explain the significance of the Prophet's Night Journey [*al isra w'al mi'raj*]. [10]
- 3 (a) What was the importance in the life of the Prophet [pbuh] of
 (i) the cave of Hira **and**
 (ii) the cave of Thawr? [10]
 (b) Why do you think the Prophet [pbuh] adopted a friendly approach towards the Jews of Medina **and** how successful was this strategy? [10]
- 4 (a) Why are
 (i) Hamza **and**
 (ii) Bilal
 remembered in the history of Islam? [10]
 (b) Discuss the ways in which the teaching and example of the Prophet [pbuh] raised the status of women in Islam. [10]
- 5 (a) Relate what happened to the Prophet [pbuh] during the last year of his life. [10]
 (b) What is the importance of the farewell address the Prophet [pbuh] delivered at the Hajj? [10]
- 6 (a) What were the main achievements of Umar's Caliphate? [10]
 (b) What made him a successful ruler? [10]

Part 2

- 7 (a) Describe what you know about the structure of the Qur'an. [10]
- (b) 'Reading the Qur'an with understanding is vital for Muslims.' Discuss. [10]
- 8 (a) Give
- (i) the background of when Sura Kauthar [108] was revealed **and**
- (ii) your understanding of the teaching it contains. [10]
- (b) Explain why prayer [*salat*] is considered the foundation of Islam. [10]
- 9 (a) Give an account of the story in the Qur'an of the prophet Nuh and the flood. [10]
- (b) Explain what Muslims can learn about Allah from this story. [10]
- 10 (a) Outline the rituals of the Hajj. [10]
- (b) How does performing the Hajj impact on the life of a Muslim and the community of Muslims worldwide? [10]
- 11 (a) Describe the ceremonies that follow the birth of a baby in a Muslim family. [10]
- (b) What do you think Muslim parents should teach their children? [10]
- 12 (a) What do Muslims understand by
- (i) Hadith 16 when the Prophet [pbuh] was asked several times for his advice and his reply was 'Do not become angry';
- (ii) Hadith 39 when he said 'Allah has pardoned for me my people for mistakes and forgetfulness and for what they have done under duress'? [10]
- (b) Why did Muslims consider it important to collect the Hadith? [10]

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