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**3 hours**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **five** questions.

Answer at least **one** question from **each** Section.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

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



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**Section A**

- 1 Why is 'Umar II remembered as the only pious Caliph amongst the Umayyad Rulers? [20]
- 2 Identify and explain the factors that contributed to making the reigns of Harun al-Rashid and his immediate successors the most successful among the 'Abbasid Caliphs. [20]
- 3 It is often asserted that al-Ma'mun and al-Mutawakkil had completely opposite policies. How far do you consider this assertion to be valid? [20]

**Section B**

- 4 (a) Outline the teachings of al-Shafi'i about the relationship between the Qur'an and the Sunnah in the development of Islamic thinking. [12]  
(b) How do these differ from the teachings of any other **two** Sunni Imams you have studied? [8]
- 5 What were the distinctive features of the teachings of the Mu'tazilah about *Tawhid* [Oneness of God]? [20]
- 6 Identify and explain the four main methods which the collectors of the Hadiths used to ensure that the sayings they compiled could reliably be traced to the Prophet. [20]

### Section C

- 7 Discuss the main spiritual differences between the position of the Imam in Shi'i beliefs and of the Khalifah in Sunni beliefs. [20]
- 8 Explain the main characteristics of Islamic philosophy [*falsafah*] in the classical Islamic period.[20]
- 9 Discuss how the following terms are used by Sufis:
- (a) *dhikr* [5]
- (b) *zuhd* [5]
- (c) *silsilah* [5]
- (d) *murid*. [5]

### Section D

- 10 Compare and contrast the main features of the teachings of Sir Sayyid Ahmad Khan and Hasan al-Banna'. [20]
- 11 (a) With reference to any country you know, describe the relationships between Muslims and people of other faiths. [12]
- (b) How far do these relationships reflect the teachings of the Qur'an and Sunnah? [8]
- 12 According to the Prophet:  
 'Paradise lies at the feet of mothers'.  
 Explain the importance of this statement in a Muslim's understanding of the place of women in society. [20]

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