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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

**ISLAMIC RELIGION AND CULTURE**

**2056/01**

Paper 1

**October/November 2010**

**2 hours 30 minutes**

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.

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.

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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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 importance of Mecca to the Arabs before Islam. [10]  
 (b) To what extent did socio-economic conditions change after the Arabs became Muslim? [10]
- 2 (a) Write an account of  
 (i) the boycott of the Banu Hashim **and**  
 (ii) the Prophet's visit to Taif. [10]  
 (b) How significant was the *hijra* for the Prophet and his followers? [10]
- 3 (a) What guidelines did the Prophet establish for the communal life of Medina? [10]  
 (b) How did the Jewish tribes of Medina react to his authority? [10]
- 4 (a) Give an account of the events leading up to the battle of the Trench (*Khandaq*) and what happened during the battle. [10]  
 (b) Explain the significance of this victory for the Muslims. [10]
- 5 (a) Describe what occurred between the Muslims and the Meccans at Hudaibiyah. [10]  
 (b) What do these events show about the relationship between the Prophet and his followers on this occasion? [10]
- 6 (a) Describe the relationship between the Prophet and Ali in the years after the first revelation. [10]  
 (b) To what extent was Ali successful during his Caliphate? [10]

## Part 2

- 7 (a) Describe what you know about the structure of the Qur'an. [10]  
(b) Why is it important for Muslims to read the Qur'an? [10]
- 8 (a) What do Muslims believe about Allah? [10]  
(b) Why is Sura Alaq:1-5 important to Muslims? [10]
- 9 (a) Describe the main events in the life of Prophet Ibrahim as related in the Qur'an. [10]  
(b) Explain the particular links between Prophet Ibrahim and Prophet Muhammad. [10]
- 10 (a) Describe the rites performed during the Hajj. [10]  
(b) Explain how the Hajj unites the Muslim community. [10]
- 11 (a) How is a Muslim marriage ceremony conducted? [10]  
(b) What do you think is meant by the Hadith 'Marriage is half of faith'? [10]
- 12 (a) How did Muslims classify Hadith into *sahih*, *hasan*, *daif* and *mauzu*? [10]  
(b) How would you apply the teaching of the Hadith on generosity in your life? [10]

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