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Paper 1 The History and Culture of Pakistan

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)
Insert (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total:
Section A: answer Question 1.
Section B: answer **two** questions.
- 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 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains all the sources referred to in the questions.

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Section A

Answer the following question.

This question is about Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.

1 Study the sources (Insert) carefully and then answer the questions which follow.

- (a) According to Source A, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan believed that the Muslim community should accept modern western education. Identify **three** reasons why he thought this. [3]
- (b) What can we learn from Source B about the relationship between Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and the British? [5]
- (c) Explain why many Muslims rejected western education in the nineteenth century. [7]
- (d) Assess the significance of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan's work in improving the status of the Muslim community in the subcontinent in relation to the following:
 - his 'Two-Nation' Theory
 - his contribution to education
 - changing relations with the British

Explain your answer.

[10]

[Total: 25]

Section B

Answer any **two** questions from this section.

- 2 (a) Describe what happened at the Battle of Plassey in 1757. [4]
- (b) Explain why Syed Ahmad Barelvi set up the Jihad movement. [7]
- (c) To what extent did laws introduced by the British between 1784 and 1850 extend their rule in the subcontinent? Explain your answer. [14]

[Total: 25]

- 3 (a) Describe the outcomes of the Simla Conference in 1945. [4]
- (b) Explain why the lessons learnt from the 1937 elections were of long-term benefit to the Muslim League. [7]
- (c) 'The Montagu–Chelmsford Reforms were unsuccessful in achieving political reform in the subcontinent.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [14]

[Total: 25]

- 4 (a) Describe the terms of the 1956 Constitution. [4]
- (b) Explain why educational reforms became so important to Pakistan during the 1960s and 1970s. [7]
- (c) 'Pakistan has been an effective member of world organisations since 1947.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [14]

[Total: 25]

- 5 (a) Describe the meeting between President Zia-ul-Haq and Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in February 1987. [4]
- (b) Explain why General Pervez Musharraf came to power in 1999. [7]
- (c) To what extent were differences between Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and President Ghulam Ishaq Khan the main reason why she left office in 1990? Explain your answer. [14]

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