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Paper 2 Islamic Law (*Shariah*) and its Application

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1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
Section A: answer **one** question.
Section B: answer **one** question.
- 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 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A

Answer **EITHER** Question 1 **OR** Question 2.

EITHER

- 1 (a) Give **five** family members who can inherit in Islam. [5]
- (b) Explain questions of inheritance according to **one** school of thought in Islam. [10]
- (c) 'Matters of inheritance should apply equally to men and women.' To what extent may this be applied in Islam? Refer to **one** school of thought in your answer. [10]

[Total: 25]

OR

- 2 (a) Give **five** schools of thought or approaches in Islam. [5]
- (b) Explain how shariah rulings are made according to **one** school of thought. [10]
- (c) 'There are no significant differences between the methods used by different schools of thought.' Do you agree? Discuss this statement with reference to **two** schools of thought. [10]

[Total: 25]

Section B

Answer **EITHER** Question 3 **OR** Question 4.

EITHER

- 3 (a) Explain the teachings of al-Ash‘ari about the oneness of God (*tawhid*) and the afterlife (*‘akhirah*). [10]
- (b) Evaluate the extent to which teachings of the Mu‘tazilah about the oneness of God (*tawhid*) and the afterlife (*‘akhirah*) are different from al-Ash‘ari. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

- 4 (a) Explain why the birthday of the Prophet (pbuh) might be celebrated according to some Muslims. [10]
- (b) Compare the views of those who do not celebrate the birthday of Muhammad (pbuh) with those who celebrate it. [15]

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