



ISLAMIC STUDIES

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

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You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

- 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.

- 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** Islamic teachings which were revealed in the Qur'an. [5]
- (b) Explain how Islamic teachings were made clear by progressive revelations of the Qur'an. [10]
- (c) To what extent do Muslims need to consider the whole Qur'an for determining Islamic law (*shariah*)? Explain your answer. [10]

[Total: 25]

OR

- 2 (a) Outline the use of secondary sources of Islamic law (*shariah*). [5]
- (b) Explain the use of reasoning (*‘aql*) as a source of Islamic law (*shariah*). [10]
- (c) Compare the use of analogy (*qiyas*) and reasoning (*‘aql*). [10]

[Total: 25]

Section B

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

EITHER

- 3** (a) Explain the use of individual interpretation (*ijtihad*), giving examples. [10]
- (b) 'Individual interpretation (*ijtihad*) ends with the companions (*sahaba*).'
Do you agree? Explain your answer. [15]
- [Total: 25]

OR

- 4** (a) Describe the importance of the Mahdi for Shi'i Muslims. [10]
- (b) Compare interpretations of the Mahdi by Sunni and Shi'i Muslims. [15]
- [Total: 25]

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