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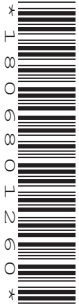
ISLAMIC STUDIES

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Paper 3 Heritage of Islam

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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 [].

This document has **4** pages.

Section A

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

EITHER

1 Study Fig. 1.1 which shows a minaret.



Fig. 1.1

- (a) Describe how Umayyad architecture reflected Islamic beliefs. You should refer to Fig. 1.1 and your own knowledge in your answer. [10]
- (b) 'Umayyad art and culture changed little from pre-Islamic times.' Evaluate this statement. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

2 Study Fig. 2.1 which shows a Muslim from 'Abbasid times giving teachings.



Fig. 2.1

- (a) Describe the religious policies of the early 'Abbasid caliphs. You should refer to Fig. 2.1 and your own knowledge in your answer. [10]
- (b) 'The early 'Abbasids ruled according to the Qur'an and Sunnah.' Evaluate this statement. [15]

[Total: 25]

Section B

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

EITHER

- 3 (a) Explain how Islamic philosophers used reasoning in their writings. [10]
- (b) 'Islamic philosophy has little in common with ancient Greek philosophy.' Evaluate this statement. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

- 4 (a) Examine how geometrical patterns on Islamic buildings reflect the Islamic belief in God as Creator. [10]
- (b) 'The oneness of God (*tawhid*) is more easily understood through architecture than writings.' Evaluate this statement. [15]

[Total: 25]

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