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Paper 1 History and Scriptures

For examination from 2025

SPECIMEN PAPER

1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total, **one** from each section.
Answer all parts of the questions you have chosen.
- 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 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

This document has **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **three** questions.

Choose **one** question from each section.

You must answer **all** parts of the questions you have chosen.

Section A: Religions, traditions and practices before the prophethood of Muhammad (pbuh)

- 1 (a) State **four** types of trade practised in Makkah during the pre-Islamic period. [4]
- (b) Explain how pilgrimage took place in Makkah during the pre-Islamic period. [10]
- (c) To what extent were trading practices the biggest weakness of pre-Islamic society? Give reasons for your answer. [6]
- [Total: 20]

- 2 (a) State **four** events from Musa's childhood. [4]
- (b) Explain the opposing beliefs of prophet Musa (AS) and Pharaoh at their first meeting. [10]
- (c) Discuss the importance of miracles in the story of Musa (AS). [6]
- [Total: 20]

Section B: Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

- 3 (a) Describe what happened when the Prophet (pbuh) made his first public speech at Safa. [4]
- (b) Outline the persecution faced by Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and the early Muslims in Makkah. [10]
- (c) Assess the significance of the Prophet's patience for the early Muslims. [6]
- [Total: 20]
- 4 (a) State **four** reasons why the Quraysh wanted to fight the Muslims at Uhud. [4]
- (b) Describe the events of the Battle of Uhud. [10]
- (c) Evaluate the lessons learned from the defeat at Uhud. [6]
- [Total: 20]

Section C: Texts from the Holy Qur'an and Hadith

5 Surah 63: 9–11

- 9 O ye who believe!
 Let not your riches
 Or your children divert you
 From the remembrance of God.
 If any act thus,
 The loss is their own.
- 10 And spend something (in charity)
 Out of the substance
 Which We have bestowed
 On you, before Death
 Should come to any of you
 And he should say,
 'O my Lord! Why didst
 Thou not give me
 Respite for a little while?
 I should then have given
 (Largely) in charity and I
 Should have been one
 Of the doers of good.'
- 11 But to no soul
 Will God grant respite
 When the time appointed
 (For it) has come: and God
 Is well acquainted
 With (all) that ye do.

[Yusuf Ali; *An English Interpretation of the Holy Qur'an*]

- (a) Explain the teachings in Surah 63: 9–11 on how a Muslim should lead their life on Earth. [12]
- (b) Evaluate different ways Muslims today can avoid becoming greedy. [8]

[Total: 20]

6 Hadith No 12 Not interfering with others

'Part of someone's being a good Muslim is his leaving alone that which does not concern him.'
 [An-Nawawi's *Forty Hadith*]

- (a) Explain the teachings of this hadith and how they reflect Islamic values. [12]
- (b) To what extent should Muslims be careful what they say to other people? Give reasons for your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

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