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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 [].

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Section A

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

EITHER

1 Study Fig. 1.1 which shows Umayyad constructions.



Fig. 1.1

- (a) Explain the ways in which the Umayyad caliphs provided religious leadership. You should refer to Fig. 1.1 and your own knowledge in your answer. [10]
- (b) 'The main purpose of the Umayyad caliphs was to provide religious leadership.' Do you agree? You should make reference to different points of view in your answer. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

2 Study Fig. 2.1 which shows Mahmud of Ghazni receiving a robe from the 'Abbasid Caliph.



Fig. 2.1

- (a) Explain how the 'Abbasid caliphs strengthened their rule.
You should refer to Fig. 2.1 and your own knowledge in your answer. [10]
- (b) Discuss how far the power of the 'Abbasid caliphs still inspires Muslims today.
You should make reference to different points of view. [15]

[Total: 25]

Section B

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

EITHER

- 3 (a) Explain how **one** significant work written by a Muslim that you have studied might be used to invite people to Islam. [10]
- (b) 'It is more effective to use different sources for different people.'
Discuss this statement with regard to ways in which Muslims might explain to others their main beliefs (*da'wah*) today. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

- 4 (a) Explain the meaning of domes and geometrical patterns in Islamic architecture. [10]
- (b) Discuss the effectiveness of Islamic architecture in portraying Muslim beliefs about God. [15]

[Total: 25]

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