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## ISLAMIC STUDIES

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Paper 1 Islamic Beliefs and Practices

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1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:  
Answer Question 1.  
Answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- 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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Answer Question 1 and **EITHER** Question 2 **OR** Question 3.

- 1 Read the following text passages, then answer the questions which follow.

**Hadith 1 Sincerity**

**'Umar ibn al-Khattab (May Allah be pleased with him) reported:**

'Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "The deeds are considered by the intentions, and a person will get the reward according to his intention. So, whoever emigrated for Allah and His Messenger, his emigration will be for Allah and His Messenger; and whoever emigrated for worldly benefits or for a woman to marry, his emigration would be for what he emigrated for." [Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

**Qur'an 31.18–19**

And swell not thy cheek (for pride) at men, nor walk in insolence through the earth; for Allah loveth not any arrogant boaster. And be moderate in thy pace, and lower thy voice; for the harshest of sounds without doubt is the braying of the ass.

- (a) Describe the main teachings from Hadith 1. [5]
- (b) Explain the teachings of the Prophet (pbuh) on how Muslims could avoid arrogance. You must refer to Qur'an 31.18–19 and any other verse or Hadith that you have studied. [10]
- (c) 'The best way Muslims can show sincerity is by not talking about their own good deeds.' Do you agree? [10]

[Total: 25]

**EITHER**

- 2 (a) Explain how Muslims can increase God-consciousness (*taqwa*) through their worship. [10]
- (b) 'The main purpose of the statement of faith (*shahadah*) is to purify the Muslim.' Discuss with reference to different points of view. [15]

[Total: 25]

**OR**

- 3 (a) Explain how Eid prayer differs from the five daily prayers. [10]
- (b) 'The Eid prayer is the only way of including everyone in the Eid festivals.' Discuss with reference to different points of view. [15]

[Total: 25]

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