

# **Cambridge O Level**

ISLAMIC STUDIES 2068/12

Paper 1 History and Scriptures

October/November 2020

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 [].



### Answer **three** questions.

Choose one question from each section.

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

## Section A: Arabia in the Pre-Islamic period

1	(a)	Describe how poetry played a part in Arab life in the Pre-Islamic period.	[4
	(b)	Give an account of how trade and pilgrimage were important in Mecca at this time.	[10
	(c)	'Only the poor people of Mecca became Muslims.' To what extent do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.	[6
		Γ	Total: 20
2	(a)	Describe the role played by 'Abd al-Muttalib in the early life of Muhammad (pbuh).	[4
	(b)	Give an account of the signs in his early life that Muhammad (pbuh) was chosen by	God. [10
	(c)	'The visit to Waraqa bin Nawfal proved that Muhammad (pbuh) was to be a prophet. To what extent do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.	., [6
		Γ	Total: 20
		Section B: Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)	
3	(a)	Give <b>four</b> features of Muhammad's special relationship with his daughter Fatima.	[4
	(b)	Explain the importance of the title 'Seal of the Prophets' and what it means for Muslin	ms. [10
	(c)	'For most people, the internet is now an important source of information about Islam Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and reasons for your answer.	.' [6
		Γ	Total: 20
4	(a)	Briefly describe how Muhammad (pbuh) delivered his message at the hill of al-Safa.	[4
	(b)	Give an account of the Mi'raj, when the Prophet (pbuh) was taken on the Night Journ	ney. [10
	(c)	'The Mi'raj gave the Prophet (pbuh) the courage to complete his mission.' Discuss this statement. Give reasons for your answer.	[6
			Total: 20

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

### 5 Sura 108: 1-3

- 1 To thee have We Granted the Fount (of Abundance).
- 2 Therefore to thy Lord Turn in Prayer And Sacrifice.
- 3 For he who hateth thee, He will be cut off (From Future Hope).

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

- (a) Explain the reason why Sura Kauthar was revealed and the teachings it contains. [12]
- (b) 'If people suffer they should not blame God.'
   Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and reasons for your answer. You must refer to Islam in your answer.
   [8]

[Total: 20]

### 6 Hadith No 27 Obedience and good character

Righteousness is good morality, and wrongdoing is that which wavers in your soul and which you dislike people finding out about.

[An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith]

- (a) Explain the teachings in this Hadith and give **two** examples of how they might be put into practice. [12]
- (b) 'Making the right decisions is difficult in today's world.'

  To what extent do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

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