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ISLAMIC STUDIES 9488/03

Paper 3 Heritage of Islam

For examination from 2021

SPECIMEN PAPER 1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer two questions in total:

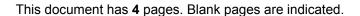
Section A: answer one question.

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 [].





Section A

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.

EITHER

1 Study Fig. 1.1 which shows an Umayyad mosque.

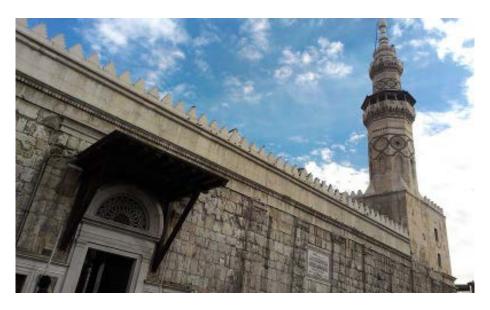


Fig. 1.1

- (a) Describe **three** architectural features of the Umayyads. You should refer to Fig. 1.1 and your own knowledge in your answer. [10]
- **(b)** 'The Umayyads ruled according to the Qur'an and Sunnah.' Evaluate this statement.

[15]

[Total: 25]

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2 Study Fig. 2.1 which shows a page from an 'Abbasid scientific book.



Fig. 2.1

- (a) Examine how medicine developed under the 'Abbasids. You should refer to Fig. 2.1 and your own knowledge in your answer. [10]
- (b) 'The 'Abbasids did more to develop education than the Umayyads.' Evaluate this statement.

[Total: 25]

[15]

Section B

Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.

EITHER

3 (a) Examine the philosophical approach (falsafah) to Islam. [10]

(b) 'Only revelations should be used to learn about Islamic beliefs.' Evaluate this statement.

[15]

[Total: 25]

OR

4 (a) Examine how the design of Islamic gardens reflects features of the Garden of Paradise. [10]

(b) Evaluate the extent to which Muslims are guided to care for the environment. [15]

[Total: 25]

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