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Paper 3 Heritage of Islam

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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 [].

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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]

OR

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. [15]

[Total: 25]

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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