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## ISLAMIC STUDIES

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Paper 1 Islamic Beliefs and Practices

For examination from 2021

SPECIMEN PAPER

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.

**Qur'an 10.99–100**

10.99 If it had been thy Lord's will, they would all have believed,— all who are on earth! wilt thou then compel mankind, against their will, to believe!

10.100 No soul can believe, except by the will of Allah, and He will place doubt (or obscurity) on those who will not understand.

**Hadith 309 Neighbours**

**Abu Shuraih Al-Khuza'i (May Allah be pleased with him) reported:**

The Prophet (pbuh) said, 'He who believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him be kind to his neighbour; and he who believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him show hospitality to his guest; and he who believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him either speak good or remain silent.' [Muslim].

- (a) Describe the main teachings from Qur'an 10.99–100. [5]
- (b) Explain Muhammad's treatment of those who held different beliefs during his time in Medina. You must refer to Hadith 309 and at least one other Hadith you have studied. [10]
- (c) To what extent should Muslims today be free to develop their own opinions? You should make reference to different points of view. [10]

[Total: 25]

**EITHER**

2 (a) Explain why almsgiving (*zakat*) helps Muslims to purify themselves. [10]

(b) 'The main reason for giving *zakat* is because the recording angels are watching.'  
Evaluate this statement. [15]

[Total: 25]

**OR**

3 (a) Explain how Muslims develop commitment through daily prayers. [10]

(b) 'Regular prayer is the best way a Muslim can develop God-consciousness (*taqwa*).'  
Evaluate this statement. [15]

[Total: 25]

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