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Paper 2 Islamic Law (*Shariah*) and its Application

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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 (a) Give **five** examples of interest (*riba*). [5]
- (b) Describe teachings about debt and interest according to **one** school of Islamic jurisprudence (*fiqh*). [10]
- (c) Discuss what advice should be given to Muslims regarding mortgages in different circumstances. [10]

[Total: 25]

OR

- 2 (a) Give **five** actions which Muslims perform according to the Sunnah. [5]
- (b) Explain how strong Hadith (*sahih*) might be used with other sources according to **one** school of jurisprudence (*fiqh*). [10]
- (c) To what extent do the benefits of using weak (*da'if*) Hadith outweigh the problems? [10]

[Total: 25]

Section B

Answer **EITHER** Question 3 **OR** Question 4.

EITHER

- 3 (a) Explain why Muslims believe the Qur'an originated with God. [10]
- (b) 'Different literal and metaphorical perspectives do not challenge the authority of the Qur'an.' Do you agree? You should refer to different points of view in your answer. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

- 4 (a) Explain how individuals may interpret teachings (*ijtihad*) according to **one** school of thought in Islam. [10]
- (b) 'Individual interpretation of teachings (*ijtihad*) is still valid today.' Evaluate this statement with reference to **two** schools of thought in Islam. [15]

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