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**ISLAMIC HISTORY  
HIGHER LEVEL  
PAPER 3**

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1 hour 30 minutes

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer two questions, each chosen from a different option.

**Option 1 – The Fatimids AH297–567 / AD909–1171**

1. Compare and contrast the domestic and foreign policies during the reigns of **two** Fatimid caliphs.
2. To what extent can Fatimid Cairo be considered the most illustrious city of the Islamic world?

**Option 2 – The Ottomans AH680–974 / AD1281–1566**

3. “By 1566 the Ottomans had become the superpower of their time”. Discuss this claim with reference to the cultural and military achievements of the Ottomans.
4. With reference to at least **two** Ottoman rulers, assess their military achievements.

**Option 3 – Warfare in the medieval Islamic world**

5. Compare and contrast the characteristics of Dar al-Islam with Dar al-Harb.
6. Discuss the claim that civil war was a recurring feature of the Islamic world.

**Option 4 – Muslim rule in Spain AH92–897 / AD711–1492**

7. With reference to **two** rulers of al-Andalus discuss their domestic and foreign policies.
8. Evaluate the government and social structures of the Umayyad dynasty in Spain.

**Option 5 – The intellectual contribution of Islam**

9. Discuss the Muslim contribution to the development of science.
10. “The Golden Age was a period of progress and discovery for all aspects of Islamic civilization.” To what extent do you agree with this assertion?

**Option 6 – The Islamic city, and Islamic art and architecture**

11. Discuss the role and evolution of the suq (market place) in Islamic cities.
  12. “Garrison towns were the foundation of Islamic urbanization”. To what extent do you agree with this statement?
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