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**ISLAMIC HISTORY
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PAPER 3**

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1 hour 30 minutes

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. Discuss the achievements and legacy of **one** of the following: al-Muizz; al-Hakim; al-Mustansir.
2. Discuss the significance of the establishment of Cairo for the Fatimid Caliphate.

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

3. Examine the reasons why the fall of Constantinople was significant.
4. Assess the factors responsible for the Mamluk failure to respond to the Ottoman advance.

Option 3 – Warfare in the medieval Islamic world

5. Using specific examples, discuss the significance of internal conflicts in the Islamic world.
6. “More conquests were achieved by sieges and raids than by battles.” Evaluate this statement in the context of medieval Islamic history.

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

7. With reference to at least **one** of the following, (Abd al-Rahman I, Abd al Rahman III, al-Mutamid) discuss their responses to the challenges they faced.
8. “A model of tolerance.” To what extent is this description of Muslim Spain justified?

Option 5 – The intellectual contribution of Islam

9. “Medieval Muslim scholars were able to span a broad spectrum of scientific and cultural fields.” Discuss this judgment in relation to **two** of the following: Ibn Sina; al-Ghazali; al-Razi; Ibn Rushd; al-Biruni; al-Khwarazmi.
10. Assess the Muslim contribution to the transmission of Greek and Roman knowledge to the West.

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

11. Explain why the form and function of the mosque developed as it did.
 12. With reference to more than one example, discuss the relationship between the Islamic way of life and medieval Islamic cities.
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