



**HISTORY OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD
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PAPER 3**

Thursday 18 May 2000 (morning)

2 hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer three questions:
 - one from Section A;
 - one from Section B;
 - one from either Section.

SECTION A

The Fatimads 909–1171 AD

1. Evaluate the achievements of **one** of the following Fatimid rulers: Ubayd Allah al-Mahdi **or** al-Muizz.
2. Analyse the strengths and weaknesses of the Fatimid state in Egypt.

The Ottomans 1400–1566 AD

3. Account for the reasons for Ottoman success in the period 1400–1566.
4. What were the principal institutions of the early Ottoman state?

The Mughals of India

5. Compare and contrast the religious policies of Akbar and Shah Jahan.
6. Discuss the importance of **one** of the following: Abulfazl Allami, Sirhindi.

Warfare in the medieval Islamic world

7. Discuss the role of the mounted archer in medieval Islamic warfare.
8. Outline the course and significance of one of the following battles: Qadisiyya, Ayn Jalut.

SECTION B

Muslim rule in Spain 711–1492 AD

9. What contribution did Christians and Jews make to state and society in Muslim Spain?
10. Outline the stages by which the Spanish Christian rulers regained al-Andalus.

The Islamic city 650–1600 AD

11. Why did al-Mansur build the Round City of Baghdad? What were its main features?
12. What were the forms and functions of the early Muslim garrison towns (amsar)?

The intellectual legacy of Islam

13. Describe the significance of the House of Wisdom (Dar al-hikma) in Baghdad.
14. Evaluate the medieval Muslim contribution to medicine.

Islamic art and architecture

15. Assess the importance of the Qur’anic text in the evolution of Islamic art and architecture.
 16. Discuss the evolution of **one** of the following building types: the mosque, the *madrasa*, the minaret.
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