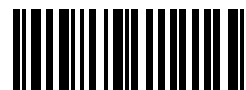




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PAPER 2

Wednesday 9 May 2007 (afternoon)

2 hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer three questions on at least two different topics.

Topic 1: Pre-Islamic Arabia

1. Assess the main characteristics of South Arabian society and culture in pre-Islamic Arabia.
2. Examine the role of the Arabs in the conflict between the Byzantine and Persian empires in pre-Islamic times.

Topic 2: The life of the Prophet Muhammad

3. Evaluate modern interpretations of the emergence of Islam.
4. Discuss the effects of Muhammad's early life on his role as a statesman in Medina.

Topic 3: The period of the Rightly Guided Caliphs

5. To what extent is the claim that Umar was the greatest of the first four caliphs, justified?
6. Discuss the changing role of the Umma during the period of the first four caliphs.

Topic 4: The Caliphate and the Imamate

7. To what extent did both Uthman and Ali succeed in meeting the needs of the Umma?
8. Explain the significance of breakaway groups in the formation and development of the caliphate.

Topic 5: Islamic Dynasties AH41-247 / AD661-861

9. "Muawiyah was the most able of all the Umayyad caliphs." To what extent can this judgment be justified?
10. Compare and contrast the social and economic policies of the Umayyad and Abbasid.

Topic 6: The Crusades: the threat from the West AH489-690 / AD1096-1291

11. Examine the events that led to the First Crusade.

12. Evaluate the achievements of Baybars.

Topic 7: The Mongols: AH596-807 / AD1200-1405

13. Discuss the significance of Timur-i-Lang (Tamerlane) as both a political and military leader.

14. Why were the campaigns of the Mongols, before 1260, so successful within the Islamic world?
