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ISLAMIC STUDIES**9488/12**

Paper 1 Islamic Beliefs and Practices

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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
Answer Question 1.
Answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- 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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Answer Question 1 and **EITHER** Question 2 **OR** Question 3.

- 1 Read the following text passages, then answer the questions which follow.

Qur'an 10.99–100

If it had been thy Lord's will, they would all have believed, – all who are on earth! wilt thou then compel mankind, against their will, to believe! No soul can believe, except by the will of Allah, and He will place doubt (or obscurity) on those who will not understand.

Hadith 75 Firm belief

Ibn 'Abbas (May Allah be pleased with them) reported that the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) used to supplicate:

"O Allah! To You I have submitted, and in You do I believe, and in You I put my trust, to You do I turn, and for You I argued. O Allah, I seek refuge with You through Your Power; there is none worthy of worship except You Alone; that You safeguard me against going astray. You are the Ever Living, the One Who sustains and protects all that exists; the One Who never dies, whereas human beings and jinn will all die". [Al- Bukhari and Muslim].

- (a) Describe the main teachings from Qur'an 10.99–100. [5]
- (b) Explain how the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was protected by God from going astray throughout his life. You must refer to Hadith 75 and any other Hadith or verses from the Qur'an in your answer. [10]
- (c) 'Guidance, for Muslims, comes in many reliable forms.' Discuss this statement, showing that you have considered more than one point of view. [10]

[Total: 25]

EITHER

- 2 (a) Explain what Islam teaches about predestination (*qadar*). [10]
- (b) 'Muslims do not need to worry about the future.' Discuss with reference to different points of view. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

- 3 (a) Explain how death rituals are performed in Islam. [10]
- (b) 'Muslims should not fear death.' To what extent do you agree with this statement? [15]

[Total: 25]

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