

## SC 2068 / 22 Past Papers Yearly Basis

2017

### Paper 2

#### Section A: The Caliphate Period/The Four Pious Caliphs

1 (a) Describe what happened when Umar accepted Islam. [4]  
(b) Give an account of the main achievements of Umar's Caliphate. [10]  
(c) Which aspects of Umar's administration provide the best examples for Muslim leaders today? Discuss this question and show that you have considered different points of view. [6]

2 (a) What criticism of Ali led to the Battle of (Jamal) Camel? [4]  
(b) Give an account of what happened at the Battle of (Jamal) Camel. [10]  
(c) 'Ali was faced with an impossible situation.'  
Discuss this statement and show that you have considered different points of view. [6]

#### Section B: The history and importance of the Qur'an and Hadith

3 (a) How was the Qur'an first recorded at the time of the Prophet (pbuh)? [4]  
(b) Describe how the Qur'an, as it is today, is a result of the initiatives of Umar, Abu Bakr and Uthman. [10]  
(c) What are the advantages of having a written Qur'an? [6]

4 (a) What circumstances caused Prophet Musa (AS) to grow up in the Pharaoh's palace? [4]  
(b) Relate the story from the Qur'an of  
(i) when God spoke to Musa (AS) about taking a message to Pharaoh **and**  
(ii) the meeting with Pharaoh and his magicians. [10]  
(c) What lessons might Muslims learn by reflecting on the leadership qualities of Prophet Musa (AS)? [6]

#### Section C: Beliefs, practices and rituals

5 (a) Outline Muslim belief in angels, books and prophets. [12]  
(b) 'The beliefs that all Muslims share are more important than any differences.'  
Discuss different views about this statement and give your own opinion. [8]

6 (a) Give an account of the way Muslims perform daily prayers together at the mosque and the benefits of doing so. [12]  
(b) 'A Muslim has a direct relationship with God and does not need anyone else to get involved.'  
Discuss different views about this statement and give your own opinion. [8]

2018

### Paper 2

#### Section A: The Caliphate Period/The Four Pious Caliphs

1 (a) State **four** actions Uthman took to ensure the Qur'an was accurately preserved. [4]

(b) Describe the ways in which Uthman changed the state that he ruled. [10]

(c) 'Uthman's greatest achievement was to preserve the Qur'an.'

Discuss this statement and give reasons to support your views. [6]

2 (a) How did Ali become Caliph, despite his reluctance to do so? [4]

(b) Give an account of the campaign of Caliph Ali against the Kharijites. [10]

(c) 'Ali was unsuccessful because he did not want to become Caliph.'

Discuss this statement and give reasons to support your views. [6]

### **Section B: The history and importance of the Qur'an and Hadith**

3 (a) State the **four** different classifications of Hadith according to their reliability. [4]

(b) Relate the methods used by the collectors to ensure the content of Hadith were reliable. [10]

(c) 'The Qur'an alone can solve all problems.'

Assess this statement, giving reasons to agree or disagree with it. [6]

4 (a) Describe Prophet Yusuf's dream according to the Qur'an. [4]

(b) Give an account of how Prophet Yusuf (AS) became separated from his family. [10]

(c) 'Prophet Yusuf (AS) turned misfortune to success.'

Give **two** examples of how Muslims today could learn from this. [6]

### **Section C: Beliefs, practices and rituals**

5 (a) Give an account of the stages of the Hajj pilgrimage. [12]

(b) 'Spending money on pilgrimage is less important than donating to charity.'

Discuss this statement with reference to Islam. [8]

6 (a) Describe Muslim belief in predestination and its significance for Muslims. [12]

(b) 'Greater Jihad is in the heart of the believer.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your point of view. [8]

2019

## **Paper 2**

### **Section A: The Caliphate Period/The Four Pious Caliphs**

1 (a) Briefly describe how Abu Bakr organised the military. [4]

(b) Give an account of how Abu Bakr dealt with the false prophets. [10]

(c) In what ways does Abu Bakr provide a model for government today? [6] [Total: 20]

2 (a) How did Uthman die? [4]

(b) Explain how Ali became Caliph. [10]

(c) To what extent were Ali's military campaigns successful?

Give reasons to support your answer. [6] [Total: 20]

### **Section B: The history and importance of the Qur'an and Hadith**

3 (a) Identify **four** methods used to check the reliability of Hadith transmitters (*isnad*). [4]

(b) Summarise how the Qur'an was revealed in Mecca, after the Night of Power until the migration to Medina. [10]

(c) 'The Qur'an is more important than the Hadith.'

Discuss this statement, giving **two** reasons to support your answer. [6] [Total: 20]

4 (a) Identify **four** prophets who came before Isa (AS). [4]

(b) Describe the upbringing of Isa (AS). [10]

(c) In what ways was Isa (AS) similar to Muhammad (pbuh)? [6] [Total: 20]

### Section C: Beliefs, practices and rituals

5 (a) Give an account of what Muslims believe about the signs of the last days **and** events on the Day of Resurrection. [12]

(b) 'The role of the prophets is more significant than that of the angels.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your views. [8] [Total: 20]

6 (a) Explain Muslim teachings about Jihad. [12]

(b) 'The most demanding Pillar is fasting (*Sawm*) during Ramadan.'

Discuss this statement and give reasons to support your views. [8] [Total: 20]

2020

## Paper 2

### Section A: The Caliphate period/The Four Pious Caliphs

1 (a) Identify **four** regions where Abu Bakr expanded the Islamic Empire. [4]

(b) Explain how Abu Bakr ruled in accordance with the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). [10]

(c) 'Abu Bakr's rule provides a good model for Muslim society.' Discuss this statement and show that you have thought about different points of view. [6] [Total: 20]

2 (a) Give **four** characteristics of Caliph 'Ali. [4]

(b) Explain 'Ali's policies towards expanding and maintaining his state. [10]

(c) 'Ali's Caliphate was significant for the development of Islam.' Do you agree? Give **two** reasons to support your point of view. [6] [Total: 20]

### Section B: The history and importance of the Qur'an and Hadith

3 (a) Outline the last revelation in Medina. [4]

(b) Explain the importance of the Qur'an as the basis of all thought and action in Islam. [10]

(c) 'It is more practical to use the Hadith with the Qur'an.' Do you agree? Explain your answer with reference to different points of view. [6] [Total: 20]

4 (a) Identify **four** prophets who came after Adam (AS). [4]

(b) Explain why Adam (AS) needed to be sent to Earth. [10]

(c) In what ways is Adam (AS) an example for Muslims today? [6] [Total: 20]

### Section C: Beliefs, practices and rituals

5 (a) Outline Muslim belief in God. [12]

**(b)** ‘Muhammad (pbuh) changed everyone’s view of God.’ Do you agree? Give reasons to support your views. [8] [Total: 20]

**6 (a)** Describe how Muslims observe the festival of Id-ul-Fitr. [12]

**(b)** ‘The occasion of Id-ul-Fitr is the most important day of the year for Muslims.’ Do you agree? Explain your answer with reference to different points of view. [8] [Total: 20]

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