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## ISLAMIC STUDIES

9488/02

Paper 2 Islamic Law (*Shariah*) and its Application

For examination from 2021

SPECIMEN PAPER

1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
  - Section A: answer **one** question.
  - Section B: answer **one** question.
- 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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## Section A

Answer **EITHER** Question 1 **OR** Question 2.

**EITHER**

- 1 (a) State **five** rights of women according to Islam. [5]
- (b) Describe inheritance for women according to Islamic law (*shariah*). [10]
- (c) 'Islamic jurisprudence (*fiqh*) should consider local cultural practices ('*urf*).' Discuss this statement with reference to different points of view. [10]
- [Total: 25]

**OR**

- 2 (a) Identify the daily prayers according to Islam. [5]
- (b) Explain the timings of the daily prayers according to one school of Islamic jurisprudence (*fiqh*). [10]
- (c) 'The differences of Islamic jurisprudence (*fiqh*) with regards to the timings of daily prayers are very important.' Discuss this statement with reference to different points of view. [10]
- [Total: 25]

**Section B**

Answer **EITHER** Question 3 **OR** Question 4.

**EITHER**

- 3 (a) Explain Muslim belief in the oneness of God (*tawhid*). [10]
- (b) 'The mystical practices of Sufism are a good way to understand God.'  
Evaluate this statement. [15]
- [Total: 25]

**OR**

- 4 (a) Explain the importance of the leadership of Shi'i Imams. [10]
- (b) 'Shi'i Imams and Sufi masters (*murshid*) perform similar roles today.'  
Evaluate this statement. [15]
- [Total: 25]

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