

**Paper 1: Islamiyat Marking Scheme**

**(1 hour 30 minutes)**

**(50 marks)**

**(a) Describe the main teachings and the specific attributes of Allah contained in two of the following passages from the Qur'an. [10]**

**(b) How the firm believe in the given themes in the two of the chosen passages from the Qur'an can change a Muslim's life. [10]**

(i) Sura 2.21-22

21. O people! Adore your Guardian-Lord, who created you and those who came before you, so that you may have the chance to learn righteousness; 22. Who has made the earth your couch, and the heavens your canopy; and sent down rain from the heavens; and by it brought forth fruits for your sustenance; then do not set up rivals to Allah, when you know.

(ii) Sura 42.4–5

4. To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and on earth: and He is most high, most great. 5. The heavens are almost rent asunder from above them, and the angels celebrate the praises of their Lord, and pray for forgiveness for beings on earth: Behold! Verily Allah is He, the oft-forgiving, the most merciful.

(iii) Sura 96.1–5 (Allah's relationship with the created world)

1. Read! in the name of your Lord, who created, 2. Created man out of a clot of congealed blood: 3. Proclaim! And your Lord is most bountiful, 4. He who taught by the pen, 5. Taught man what he did not know.

**(a)**

(i) Sura 2.21-22

This passage talks about tawhid and emphasises that God is the Creator of everything. Candidates could talk about what Allah has created for the benefit of mankind (guidance, fertile earth, shade and water from sky). It also suggests that mankind should not commit the greatest sin of associating partners/rivals with God, for He is the only Creator and Sustainer.

(ii) Sura 42.4–5

This passage is about God's power over all things as everything in creation belongs to Him. Answers to this sura could include God's control of all things He's created. They could also elaborate and mention God's forgiveness and mercy (despite Him being unapproachable). There's the contrast of God and things in creation.

(iii) Sura 96.1–5

- God is the Creator which is shown in this Sura through the way humans were created from a clot of blood.
- He gives creation what they need, in this case, knowledge of God. This shows His generosity.
- Being the first revelation was the beginning of Islam and prophethood.

There is an emphasis on the importance of knowledge and the knowledge that God gives to humankind.

**(b)**

(i) sura 2.21-22

These teachings show the relationship between God and His creation. The passage reflects upon the natural world and the benefits it holds for them. Metaphors are used to show the comfort God has given mankind, therefore, humans should acknowledge who their sustenance has come from as He is the only creator of everything. Candidates could also link to other relevant suras, e.g. sura 112 relating to tawhid, or others showing God's bounties to men.

(ii) Sura 42.4–5

Candidates could mention that God tells mankind of his power and control over all things and that they should remember that they do not have any power in comparison. Good candidates could mention that despite His authority, God is telling man about the significance of the angels praying for beings on the earth and how this is a reflection of His mercy. Muslims in turn should be grateful and also try to be forgiving of others.

(iii) Sura 96.1–5

- The importance of this Sura is that it allows humans to understand how God created them from nothing.
- Seeking knowledge is encouraged and so humankind should try their best to learn throughout their lives, especially religious knowledge so they can get to know their Lord. Each subject, RE, science, etc has a value to it and can help humans get closer to God.

It also helps Muslims understand how prophethood and Islam started, and they should reflect upon what God has sent down for them to help them live their lives. Therefore, they should be grateful to God.

**Q2(a): Describe the way in which Prophet Muhammad received Prophethood from God in the cave of Hira. [10]**

Answers may include some of the following ideas, but all valid material must be credited.

The Prophet (pbuh) had increased the time he spent in solitude in the cave of Hira. When he was 40 the revelation came to him, during the month of Ramadan. The angel Jibril came to him and instructed him to read, *iqra*, and the Prophet (pbuh) replied he could not. The angel squeezed him hard ('the angel pressed me until I could not bear it anymore'). He repeated the command and squeezed the Prophet (pbuh) again, then after a third time the angel squeezed him, released him then the Prophet (pbuh) recited the first few verses of Sura Alaq (96.1–5), saying it was as though they were imprinted on his heart.

The first verses of Sura Alaq are:

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man what he did not know.'

The Prophet (pbuh) came out of the cave and saw the angel on the horizon. The angel told him, 'You are the Messenger of Allah and I am Jibril.' He was confused and shaken and he ran home and asked his wife to cover him. She consoled him, saying God would not disgrace him, and went to see her cousin, Waraqa ibn Nawfal, who confirmed his prophethood.

**b) why revelations were sent to person who could not read and write? Discuss briefly.**

[05]

Answers may include some of the following ideas, but all valid material must be credited. It was important because being unable to read or write shows that it would not have been possible for the Prophet (pbuh) to have composed the Qur'an himself; the implication is that not being able to compose the Qur'an himself, shows that the Qur'an is from God.

God did not want anyone else to be the Prophet's teacher, as that would have meant someone was superior to him in his knowledge of God. It was a miracle of God.

**Q3(a): Muslims of Makkah migrated to Madinah according to the command of Allah". How Prophet Muhammad established brotherhood amongst the Muhajirin and Ansar?**

[10]

When the Muslims of Makka first arrived in Madina they were without many belongings. The Muslims of Madina (mainly from the Aws and Khazraj tribes), who had invited the Prophet to their city, were happy to welcome the migrating Muslims. To unite the two groups, the Prophet made them brothers, pairing each of the Ansar with the Muhajirun. The Prophet took Ali as his brother. Sa'd bin ar-Rabi and Abdur Rahman bin Awf were made brothers and Sa'd was willing to share half his property and divorce his wife for Abdur Rahman to marry. He refused, preferring to work himself. The Ansar wanted to share their date palms with the Muhajirun but the Muhajirun refused, so the Ansar offered them to work in their orchards and in return they were given dates. In this way the Madinans gave protection and material assistance to their Makkan brothers and the Madinans came with their faith to share and spread in Madina.

**b) How can Muslims help those who struggle for the cause of Allah today?** [05]

There are many ways one can share their good fortune with others. If they have a business, they can offer jobs to those who need them. If they have spare rooms in their houses, they can offer them as accommodation to people who have not yet found a place to stay. They can share some of the food that they cook, or buy some groceries for them, so they do not have to spend from their own money. Islamic teachings revolve around six main Articles of Faith. Write about the following two:

**Q4(a): Write about the following two articles of faith:**

- **Belief in God, and**
- **Belief in Divine books.**

[10]

At the heart of Islam lies belief in God. Candidates could say that belief in God in Islam includes;

- belief in God's existence;

- that He is the Supreme Lord;
- that He alone is entitled to be worshipped, and;
- belief in His names and attributes.

Elaboration of the above is required in the first part of the answer. Candidates could for example say that God's existence does not require proof as by simply looking at the universe humankind has evidence of God. God's existence can be known by answers to prayers, miracles of prophets etc. Belief in God as the Supreme Lord means to acknowledge Him as the supreme law giver, the absolute judge and hence submitting to Him.

God's right to be worshipped without setting up partners with Him cannot be over emphasised. The central message of all prophets was to urge humanity to surrender to God's will and worship only Him. The names of God indicate His majesty and His attributes as unique. Attributing any of God's qualities to another is *shirk*.

the second part of the answer which asks about revealed books. Their names could be given and candidates could say which book was revealed to which prophet. They could go on to say that all divine books invited people to worship God, and contained belief in prophethood, the Day of Judgement, accountability before God, a code of morality and justice. Answers could also talk about the finality of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and the Qur'an being the last universal and most perfect book of guidance sent by God to humankind for all ages.

**(b) The Holy Quran is the last book sent by God". Briefly discuss unique features of the Quran. [05]**

In this part as in other Part (b) we are looking to find out the candidate's views, and all valid answers need to be credited. The following is guidance as to what may be written by the candidates. It could be said that Qur'an is different from other revealed books as it is the only book revealed to all humanity for all times. God Himself has promised to protect its message. It could be said that the language of the Qur'an is very much alive today and spoken by millions unlike those of the other revealed books. These and other valid responses need to be awarded marks on their own merit.