SC 2068 / 12 Past Papers Yearly Basis

2017

Paper 12

Section A: Arabia in the Pre-Islamic period

1 (a) Describe **four** features of polytheism in Pre-Islamic Arabia. [4]
(b) Why did the first revelation in the cave Hira cause Muhammad (pbuh) to be afraid? [10]
(c) Which feature of Khadija's support for Muhammad (pbuh) helped him the most? [6]

2 (a) In Pre-Islamic Arabia some people followed the religion of Ibrahim. What does this mean? [4]
(b) What was the significance of the Ka'ba in Pre-Islamic Arabia? [10]
(c) To what extent does the Hajj today focus on the history of the Ka'ba? [6]

Section B: Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

3 (a) Describe the reaction when the Prophet (pbuh) first spoke openly at Safa. [4]
(b) Outline the persecution faced by Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and the early Muslims in Mecca. [10]
(c) What lessons might Muslims today learn from the Prophet's behaviour and attitude during those times of difficulty? [6]

4 (a) State **four** actions taken by Muhammad (pbuh) when he entered Mecca at the time of the Conquest. [4]
(b) Give an account of the events leading up to the Conquest of Mecca. [10]
(c) To what extent does the story of the Conquest of Mecca demonstrate that Islam is a peaceful religion? [6]

Section C: Texts from the Holy Qur'an and Hadith

5 Sura 108: 1–3
1 To thee have We Granted the Fount (of Abundance).
2 Therefore to thy Lord Turn in Prayer And Sacrifice.
3 For he who hateth thee, He will be cut off (From Future Hope).
[*Yusuf Ali; An English interpretation of the Holy Qur'an.*]

(a) Explain the teachings in Sura Kauthar and the circumstances in which it was revealed. [12]
(b) What does Sura Kauthar tell us about the Prophet's dedication to Islam and how might Muslims follow his example? [8]

6 (a) Explain what is meant by the following two Hadiths:
(i) Hadith No 11 Doubt
Leave that which makes you doubt for that which does not make you doubt.
(ii) Hadith No 16 Tolerance
A man said to the Prophet (pbuh): Counsel me. He said: Do not become angry. The man repeated [his request] several times, and he said: Do not become angry.[*An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith*] [12]

(b) Choose **one** of these Hadiths and discuss, with examples, how Muslims might apply it in their lives. [8]

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2018
Paper 12

Section A: Arabia in the Pre-Islamic period

1 (a) Give **four** features of polytheism in Pre-Islamic Arabia. [4]
(b) Give an account of the importance of Mecca as a centre for pilgrimage in the Pre-Islamic period. [10]
(c) 'The Quraish became enemies of Muhammad (pbuh) because he threatened their way of life.' Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about different points of view. [6]

2 (a) State **four** aspects of the character of Muhammad (pbuh) that caused people to respect him. [4]
(b) Relate how the incident of the replacing of the Black Stone (Hajr al-Aswad) showed the character of Muhammad (pbuh). [10]
(c) 'The message brought by the Prophet (pbuh) to the people of Mecca was not a new message.' Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about different points of view. [6]

Section B: Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

3 (a) Describe what happened when the Prophet (pbuh) was looking for a place to stay in Medina. [4]
(b) Give an account of the Charter (Constitution) of Medina. [10]
(c) What lessons about tolerance might Muslims learn today from the attitude of the Prophet (pbuh) towards the Jews of Medina? [6]

4 (a) Describe the part played by Abu Sufyan's caravan in the lead up to the Battle of Badr. [4]
(b) Give an account of the ways in which the Muslims believed God helped them during the Battle of Badr. [10]
(c) 'At Badr, the Muslims had more to lose than the Quraish.' Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about different points of view. [6]

Section C: Texts from the Holy Qur'an and Hadith

5 Sura 96: 1-5
1 Proclaim! (or read!) in the name of thy Lord and Cherisher, Who created -
2 Created man, out of a (mere) clot of congealed blood:
3 Proclaim! And thy Lord is Most Bountiful, -
4 He Who taught (the use of) the pen, -
5 Taught man that which he knew not.
[*Yusuf Ali; An English interpretation of the Holy Qur'an*]

(a) Describe the event when Sura Alaq was revealed **and** explain the significance of the teachings in these verses. [12]
(b) 'Studying religion increases faith.' Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [8]

6 Hadith No 27 Obedience and good character
'Righteousness is good morality, and wrongdoing is that which wavers in your soul and which you dislike people finding out about.'[*An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith*]

(a) Explain the teachings in this Hadith **and** give **two** examples of good character. [12]
(b) 'Actions that have to be done in secret are always wrong.' Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [8]

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2019

Paper 12

Section A: Arabia in the Pre-Islamic period

1 (a) State four types of trade practised at Mecca during the Pre-Islamic period. [4]
(b) Give an account of Mecca as a place of pilgrimage during the Pre-Islamic period. [10]
(c) Discuss the factors Muslims might consider when choosing a job. [6]

2 (a) Describe four features of idol worship in Pre-Islamic Arabia. [4]
(b) Explain the importance of Ibrahim (AS) for people in the Pre-Islamic period. [10]
(c) To what extent is it important for Muslims to know the history of their religion?
Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

Section B: Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

3 (a) Give four reasons why the Quraish opposed Muhammad (pbuh). [4]
(b) Give an account of what happened on the night Muhammad (pbuh) left Mecca for Medina. [10]
(c) Discuss the importance of migration to the spread of Islam. [6]

4 (a) What part did the Muslim archers play in the Battle of Uhud? [4]
(b) Give an account of how the Muslims won the Battle of Trench. [10]
(c) Discuss how Muhammad (pbuh) inspired great loyalty amongst his followers. [6]

Section C: Texts from the Holy Qur'an and Hadith

5 Sura 114: 1–6
1 Say: I seek refuge with the Lord and Cherisher of Mankind,
2 The King (or Ruler) of Mankind,
3 The god (or judge) of Mankind,-
4 From the mischief of the Whisperer (of Evil), who withdraws (after his whisper),-
5 (The same) who whispers into the hearts of Mankind,-
6 Among Jinns and among men.

[*Yusuf Ali; An English interpretation of the Holy Qur'an*]

(a) Explain the teachings in Sura An Naas and their relevance for Muslims today. [12]
(b) What is the best way for Muslims today to know God's message for humankind?
Give reasons to support your answer. [8]

6 Hadith No 11 Doubt
'Leave that which makes you doubt for that which does not make you doubt.'
[*An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith*]
(a) Explain the teaching in this Hadith and give examples of how it might be put into practice by Muslims. [12]
(b) 'The teachings in the Hadiths are about using your own judgement.' Discuss. [8] [Total: 20]

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Paper 12

Section A: Arabia in the Pre-Islamic period

1 (a) Describe how poetry played a part in Arab life in the Pre-Islamic period. [4]
(b) Give an account of how trade and pilgrimage were important in Mecca at this time. [10]
(c) 'Only the poor people of Mecca became Muslims.' To what extent do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [6] [Total: 20]

2 (a) Describe the role played by ʿAbd al-Muttalib in the early life of Muhammad (pbuh). [4]
(b) Give an account of the signs in his early life that Muhammad (pbuh) was chosen by God. [10]
(c) 'The visit to Waraqa bin Nawfal proved that Muhammad (pbuh) was to be a prophet.' To what extent do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [6] [Total: 20]

Section B: Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

3 (a) Give **four** features of Muhammad's special relationship with his daughter Fatima. [4]
(b) Explain the importance of the title 'Seal of the Prophets' and what it means for Muslims. [10]
(c) 'For most people, the internet is now an important source of information about Islam.' Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and reasons for your answer. [6] [Total: 20]

4 (a) Briefly describe how Muhammad (pbuh) delivered his message at the hill of al-Safa. [4]
(b) Give an account of the Mi'raj, when the Prophet (pbuh) was taken on the Night Journey. [10]
(c) 'The Mi'raj gave the Prophet (pbuh) the courage to complete his mission.' Discuss this statement. Give reasons for your answer. [6] [Total: 20]

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[*Yusuf Ali; An English interpretation of the Holy Qur'an*]

(a) Explain the reason why Sura Kauthar was revealed and the teachings it contains. [12]
(b) 'If people suffer they should not blame God.' Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and reasons for your answer. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [8] [Total: 20]

6 Hadith No 27 Obedience and good character

Righteousness is good morality, and wrongdoing is that which wavers in your soul and which you dislike people finding out about.

[*An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith*]

(a) Explain the teachings in this Hadith and give **two** examples of how they might be put into practice. [12]
(b) 'Making the right decisions is difficult in today's world.' To what extent do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [8] [Total: 20]

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2021

Paper 12

Section A: Arabia in the Pre-Islamic period

1 (a) Give **four** occupations that were common in Mecca in Pre-Islamic times. [4]
(b) Give an account of the different ways in which polytheism was practised in Pre-Islamic times. [10]
(c) 'There were many good features in Arab society during the Pre-Islamic period.' Discuss this statement and show that you have thought about different points of view. [6] [Total: 20]

2 (a) Give **four** reasons why the young Muhammad (pbuh) was cared for by Halima. [4]
(b) What aspects of the character of Muhammad (pbuh) signified that he might be a future prophet? [10]
(c) 'Muhammad (pbuh) was well supported in his childhood.' Discuss this statement and show that you have thought about different points of view. [6] [Total: 20]

Section B: Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

3 (a) Explain why Abu Bakr needed to rescue Bilal. [4]
(b) Describe the relationship between Muhammad (pbuh) and Abu Bakr during the Prophet's lifetime. [10]
(c) 'The support of the early Muslims was important to the mission of Muhammad (pbuh) in Mecca.' Discuss this statement and show that you have thought about different points of view. [6] [Total: 20]

4 (a) Describe what happened to 'Uthman when the Muslims camped at Hudaibiya. [4]
(b) Give an account of the terms of the Treaty of Hudaibiya and the reaction of the Muslims to the signing of the Treaty. [10]
(c) Signing the Treaty of Hudaibiya showed the leadership qualities of the Prophet (pbuh). Discuss how leaders today might follow his example. [6] [Total: 20]

Section C: Texts from the Holy Qur'an and Hadith

5 Sura 106: 1–4

1 For the covenants (Of security and safeguard Enjoyed) by the Quraish,
2 Their covenants (covering) journeys By winter and summer,—
3 Let them adore the Lord Of this House,
4 Who provides them With food against hunger, And with security Against fear (of danger).
[*Yusuf Ali; An English interpretation of the Holy Qur'an.*]

(a) Explain the background to Sura Quraish and the message in it for the people of Mecca. [12]
(b) 'Muslims can find solutions to all their problems in the Qur'an.' Discuss this statement and show that you have thought about different points of view. [8] [Total: 20]

6 Hadith No 16 Tolerance

A man said to the Prophet (pbuh): 'Counsel me.' He said: 'Do not become angry.' The man repeated [his request] several times, and he said: 'Do not become angry.' [*An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith*]

(a) Explain the teaching in this Hadith and give **two** examples of how these teachings might be put into practice. [12]
(b) To what extent can following this Hadith be a challenge for Muslims? Give reasons to support your answer. [8] [Total: 20]

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