

**P235/3**  
**ISLAMIC**  
**RELIGIOUS**  
**EDUCATION**  
**(History of Islam)**  
**Paper 3**  
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**2½ hours**



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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

*Answer any four questions.*

*All questions carry equal marks.*

1. Explain the following religious practices in pre-Islamic Arabia:
  - (a) Paganism, (12 marks)
  - (b) Christianity. (13 marks)
2. 'While in Mekkah Muhammad's (PBUH) mission centred on the preparation of the Arabs psychologically for a fundamental change, in Madina this change was actualized.' Discuss. (25 marks)
3. 'Umar's conversion to Islam was a victory, and his ascension to caliphate a great blessing to the Muslims.' Discuss. (25 marks)
4. (a) To what extent was Yazid bin Muawiyah's conduct as a caliph unorthodox? (15 marks)  
(b) In what ways was he a victim of his father's policies? (10 marks)
5. Examine the achievements of the Umayyads in the following areas:
  - (a) Culture, (13 marks)
  - (b) Science. (12 marks)
6. Discuss the contribution of Al Mansur to the Abbasid caliphate. (25 marks)
7. Justify the view that the Abbasid caliphate was the golden age of Islamic civilization. (25 marks)
8. Assess the contribution of Al-Aziz to the Fatimids' caliphate. (25 marks)
9. Discuss the political and economic organization of the Fatimid dynasty. (25 marks)
10. (a) Account for the failure of the Christian crusaders to achieve their objectives. (12 marks)  
(b) What impact did these crusade movements have on the Muslim world? (13 marks)
11. Examine Sulayman's contribution to the development of the Ottoman empire which earned him the title of "The magnificent". (25 marks)
12. 'European colonialism was solely responsible for the collapse of the