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ISLAMIC STUDIES 9488/32

Paper 3 Heritage of Islam

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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 [].



Section A

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.

EITHER

1 Study Fig. 1.1 which shows the Great Mosque of Aleppo.

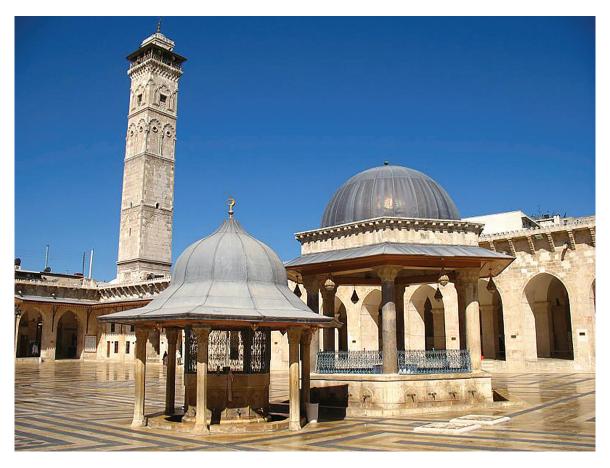


Fig. 1.1

(a) Explain ways in which the Umayyads developed Islamic architecture. You should refer to Fig. 1.1 and your own knowledge in your answer.

[10]

(b) 'Building mosques was the Umayyads' most significant religious policy.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

[15]

[Total: 25]

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2 Study Fig. 2.1 which shows Illustrated Sanskrit Fables, Kalila and Dimna.

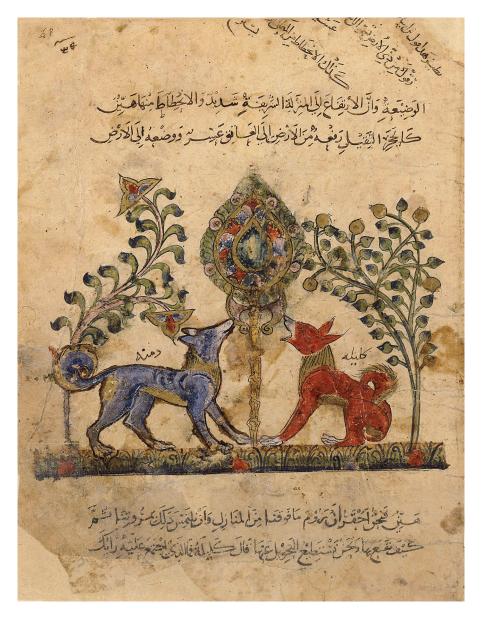


Fig. 2.1

- (a) Explain ways in which the Abbasid translation movement was open to other traditions. You should refer to Fig. 2.1 and your own knowledge in your answer. [10]
- (b) 'The Abbasids contributed more to developing education than religious facilities.'

 Do you agree? Explain your answer. [15]

[Total: 25]

Section B

Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.

EITHER

3 (a) Explain ways Islamic scholars interpret signs in the natural world. [10]

(b) To what extent can the main teachings of Islam be found by looking at signs in the natural world? Explain your answer. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

4 (a) Explain the meaning and function of domes in Islamic architecture. [10]

(b) 'The architecture of religious facilities changed completely with the coming of Islam.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [15]

[Total: 25]

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