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## ISLAMIC STUDIES

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Paper 4 Islam in the Modern World

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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.
- 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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Answer **two** questions.

- 1 'It is more challenging for a Muslim woman to practise her religion today than in the past.' Discuss by referring to one or more women you have studied in your answer. [25]
- 2 'The qualities and characteristics required from Muslim leaders are the same today as in the past.' Do you agree? [25]
- 3 To what extent does Islam support religious pluralism? [25]

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