

1. (a) Discuss the economic life of the Arabs in pre-Islamic Arabia. (15 marks)
 (b) What aspects of their economic life did Islam adopt? (10 marks)
2. Analyse the contribution of the following to the success of Islam:
 - (a) Abu Talib, (13 marks)
 - (b) Muhajirun. (12 marks)
3. Examine the innovations initiated by Caliph Umar bin Khattab. (25 marks)
4. Describe the rise of the Umayyad dynasty. (25 marks)
5. Assess the contribution of the Umayyads to the cultural development of the Muslim Community. (25 marks)
6. Analyse the achievements of Caliph Abu Abbass al-Saffah of the Abbasid Caliphate. (25 marks)
7. Examine the intellectual development during the Abbasid era. (25 marks)
8. Assess the contribution of Ubaidullah al-Malik Said to the development of the Fatimid Caliphate. (25 marks)
9. To what extent was the adoption of Sharia doctrines by the Fatimids responsible for their downfall? (25 marks)
10. (a) Account for the defeat of the Crusaders by the Muslims. (12 marks)
 (b) What were the effects of the Crusades on the Muslim Community between the 11th and 13th Centuries? (13 marks)
11. (a) Examine the factors that led to the rise of the Safavids in Persia. (13 marks)
 (b) Account for the collapse of the Safavid Empire. (12 marks)
12. Explain the contribution of Sulaiman the Magnificent to the consolidation of the Ottoman Empire. (25 marks)