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Paper 4 Islam in the Modern World

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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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 To what extent do Muslims today treat non-Muslims in the same way as Muslims did at the start of Islam? [25]
- 2 Discuss the issue of head-covering (*hijab*) as a protection for Muslim women today. You should refer to different points of view in your answer. [25]
- 3 Discuss different approaches taken by Muslim leaders towards those of other faiths, by referring to policies of **either** the Mughal Emperors **or** those during Muslim rule in Spain. [25]

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