ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS STUDIES

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The aim of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) syllabus in Islamic Studies is to prepare the candidates for the Board's examination. It is designed to test their achievement of the course objectives, which are to:

- 1. master the Qur'an and Sunnah as foundations of Islamic and social life;
- 2. be familiar with Islamic heritage, culture and civilization;
- 3. be acquainted with the tradition of Islamic scholarship and intellectual discourse;
- 4. demonstrate knowledge of Islamic moral, spiritual, political and social values; 5. be prepared to face the challenges of life as good practicing Muslims.

DETAILED SYLLABUS

PART 1: THE QUR'AN AND HADITH

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1. Revela	tion of the Glorious Qur'an	Candidates should be able to:
(i) V Hir	Visits of the Prophet (SAW) to Cave	(i) analyse the Prophet's (SAW) visits to Cave Hira and the purpose;
(ii) His reaction to the first revelation and its importance		(ii) describe the Prophet's reaction to the first revelation and its
(Q.42:51)	Different modes of revelation : inspiration behind the veil, n angel, etc.	importance;(iii) differentiate between the modes of revelation;
 (iv) Piecemeal revelation (Q.17:106) Q.25:32) 1b. Preservation of the Glorious Qur'an 		(iv) explain why the Glorious Qur'an was revealed piecemeal.
(ii)	Differences between Makkah and Madinan suwar	(i) identify the personalities involved in the arrangement of the Glorious Qur'an;
(iii)	Recording, compilation and	(ii) differentiate between Makkan and Madinan suwar

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	standardization of	the Glorious	(iii)	analyse how the Glorious Qur'an was
	Qur'an		record	· · · · ·
by the	(iv)	The role played	(iv) of	evaluate the role played by the companions the Prophet (SAW)
	Companions of the	Prophet (SAW)	(i) ez	xamine the importance of the Glorious Qur'an.
			(1) 62	camme the importance of the Giorious Qui an
as a source	rtance of the Glorio e of guidance in spirit nomic, political and ral matters.			
	f of the Divine autho ous Qur'an (Q.4:82	-	(i) the G	evaluate the proof of the divine authenticity o lorious Qur'an;
Giuri	ous Qur all (Q.4.82)(Q.41:42)		
(i) Uniq	ueness of the Glorio	us	(i)	evaluate the uniqueness of the Glorious
	ur'an (Q.39:27) (Q.1		(::)	Qur'an; examine the ways by which the Glorious
	2.75:16-19)		(ii)	
(ii) Divin (Q.1)	ne preservation of the 5:9)	e Glorious Qur'an		Qur'an was preserved.
2. Tafsi	2 4		Candio	dates should be able to:
2. 1aisi (i)	Historical develop	oment of Tafsir	(i)	trace the origin and sources of Tafsir;
(ii)	Importance of Taf		(ii)	evaluate the importance of Tafsir (iii)
(iii)	Types of Tafsir			compare the types of Tafsir.
3. Intro	oduction to Tajwid (Theory and	Candio	dates should be able to:
Practic		·	(i)	examine the meaning and importance of Tajwid
	y of the Arabic text	of the following		
	r/ayats with tajwid			dates should be able to:
	l-Fatihah (Q.1)		(i)	recite with correct tajwid the Arabic texts of the suwar;
(b) <i>a</i>	l -Adiyat (Q.100)		(ii)	translate the verses;
	l -Qari'ah (Q.101)		(iii)	deduce lessons from them;
	t -Takathur (Q.102)		(iv)	evaluate the teachings of the verses.
	l -Asr ((Q.103)			
	l -Humazah (Q.104)			
	l -Maun ((Q.107			
	l -Kawthar (Q.108)			
	l – Kafirun (Q. 109)			
	l- Nasr (Q. 110)			
	l -Masad ((Q.111)			
	l -Ikhlas (Q.112)			
	l -Falaq ((Q.113)			
(n) <i>a</i>	n-Nas (Q.114)			

5.		ar/ay: al-A ad-D al-In at-Ti al-Al al-Q al-Ba al-Zi Ayata	the Arabic text of the following ats with tajwid <i>Yala (Q.87)</i> <i>Puha (Q.93)</i> <i>shirah (Q.94)</i> <i>n (Q.95)</i> <i>Paq (Q.96)</i> <i>adr (Q.97)</i> <i>ayyinah (Q.98)</i> <i>stral (Q.99)</i> <i>ul-Kursiy (Q.2:255)</i> <i>nar-Rasul (Q.2:285-6)</i>	(i) (ii)	tes should be able to: recite with correct tajwid the Arabic texts of the suwar; deduce lessons from them; evaluate their teachings;
	() (k)		nd jaakun (Q.9:128-129)		
6.	Had (a) (b)	Histo Colle Prop autho Auth (i) (ii)	bry of Hadith literature - ection of Hadith from the time of the het(SAW) to the period of the six entic collectors of Hadith mentication of Hadith <i>Isnad (Asma'ur-rijal)</i> <i>Matn</i> Classification of Hadith into Sahih	(i) (ii) (iii)	tes should be able to: evaluate the history of Hadith from the time of the Prophet (SAW) to the period of six authentic collectors. analyse the <i>Isnad</i> ; analyse the <i>Matn</i> ; distinguish between Hadith Sahih, Hassan and <i>da'if</i> .
	(c)		Hassan and <i>Da'if</i> relationship between Hadith and the ious Qur'an The importance of Hadith		
		(ii)	The similarities and differences between Hadith and the Glorious Qur'an		tes should be able to: xamine the importance of Hadith;

(ii) distinguish between Hadith and the
Glorious Qur'an.

(d)	The six sound collectors of Hadith – biographies and their works.	evaluate their biographies and works (i)
(f) 7. Mo	Muwatta and its author – The biography of Imam Malik and the study of his book The study of the Arabic texts of the following <i>ahadith</i> from an-Nawawi's collection: 1,3,5,6,7,9,10,11,12,13,15,16, 18,19,21, 22,25,27,34, and 41 ral lessons in the Glorious Qur'an and dith	(i) evaluate his biography; (ii) analyse his work
(a)	General moral lessons contained in the admonition of Sage Luqman to his son (Q.31:18-20). Goodness to parents (Q.17:23-24)	Candidates should be able to: (i) use the teachings of the verses in their daily lives;
(c)	Honesty (Q.2:42)(Q.61:2-3)	(i) apply the teachings of the verses to their daily lives;
(d)	Prohibition of bribery and corruption (Q:2:188), alcohol and gambling (Q.2:219) (Q.5:93-94), stealing and fraud (Q.5:41) (83:1-5), smoking, drug abuse and other intoxicants (Q.2:172173, 195 and 219) (Q.4:43) (Q.5:3) (Q.6:118-121) arrogance (Q.31:18-19) and extravagance (Q.17:2627) (Q.31:18-19)	(i) demonstrate the teachings of the verses in their daily lives.(i) use the teachings of the verses in their daily lives
	Dignity of labour (Q.62:10) (Q.78:11) Hadith from Bukhari and Ibn Majah: "that one of you takes his rope" "never has anyone of you eaten" Behaviour and modesty in dressing (Q.24:27-31) (Q.33:59)	(i) apply the teachings of the verses in their daily lives.

(i) demonstrate the teachings of the verses in their daily lives.

(g) Adultery and fornication (Q.17:32) (Q.24:2), homosexuality (Q.11:77-78) and obscenity (Q:4:14-15) Hadith – "No	(i) apply the teachings of the verses in their daily lives.

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one of you should privately	l meet a woman	
"Bukhari		
and 135) (Q.5:9 everyone of yo	124) and justice (Q.4:58) Hadith – 'take care u is a governor ubjects" (al-Bukhari and	 (i) apply the teachings of the verses and the <i>alHadith</i> to their daily lives.
others)	ations (Q:4:58) (Q.5:1)	 (i) demonstrate the teachings of the verses and the <i>Hadith</i> in their daily lives.
	(16:91) Hadith 'he has Not fulfilled his (i)	
(j) Piety (Taqwa) (Q (Q.3:102) (Q.40:12) Hadith	2:2:177) 18 and 35 of an Nawawi	(i) apply the teachings of the verses and the <i>ahadith</i> in their daily lives.
(Q.49:13) Hadiin	18 and 55 of an Nawawi	
(k) Tolerance, perse (Q.2:153-157) Hadith 16 of an-N		(i) Interpret the teachings of the verses and the <i>Hadith</i> in their daily lives.
(l) Unity and b (Q.8:46) (Q.49 anNawawi	rotherhood (Q.3:103) :10) Hadith 35 of	(i) demonstrate the teachings of the verses and the <i>Hadith</i> in their daily lives.
what is wrong (Q	is good and forbidding .3:104 and 110) 25 and 34 of an Nawawi	(i) apply the teachings of the verses and the <i>ahadith</i> in their daily lives.
8. PART II: TAWHID AN	ND FIQH	
(a) Faith		
(i) Tawhid		Candidates should be able to:
Its importance an	d lessons (b)	
Kalimatush-Shahadah		(i) analyse the concepts of <i>Tawhid</i>
(i) Its meaning and i	mportance	
	Allah as contained in the (Q.3:19) Q.2:255)	(i) evaluate the significance of <i>kalimatushshahadah;</i>

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(ii) identify the verses dealing with the Oneness of Allah;

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 (iii) The servanthood and messengership of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) as contained in the following verses (Q.3:144) (Q.18:110) (Q.48:29) and (Q.34:28) 	(i) determine the significance of the servanthood of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW);
 (iv) Universality of his message (Q.7:158) (Q.34:28) (v) Finality of his Prophethood (Q.33:40) 	 evaluate the significance of the universality of Prophet Muhammad's message;
(c) Shirk	(i) examine the significance of the finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (SAW)
 (i) Beliefs which are incompatible with the Islamic principles of Tawhid: Worship of Idols (Q.4:48) (Q.22:31) Ancestral worship (Q.4:48 and 116) (Q.21:66-67) Trinity (Q.4:171) (Q.5:76) (Q.112:1-4) Atheism (Q.45:24) (Q.72:6) (Q.79:17-22) 	Candidates should be able to: (i) determine what actions and beliefs constitute <i>shirk</i> ; (ii) Determine the implications beliefs and actions of <i>shirk</i> ; (iii) avoid such actions.
 (d) General practices which are incompatible with Islamic principles of <i>Tawhid</i>: Superstition (Q.25:43) (Q.72:6) Fortune-telling (Q.15:16-18) (Q.37:6-10) Magic and witchcraft (Q.2:102) (Q.20:69) and 73) (Q.26:46) Cult worship (Q.17:23) (Q.4:48) Innovation (Bid'ah) (Q.4:116) and Hadith 5 and 28 of an- 	Candidates should be able to: (i) identify those practices that are incompatible with the Islamic principles of <i>Tawhid</i> ; (ii) determine those practice that are incompatible with <i>Tawhid</i> ; (iii) shun off those actions; (iv) demonstrate the teachings of the verses and the <i>ahadith</i> in their daily lives.

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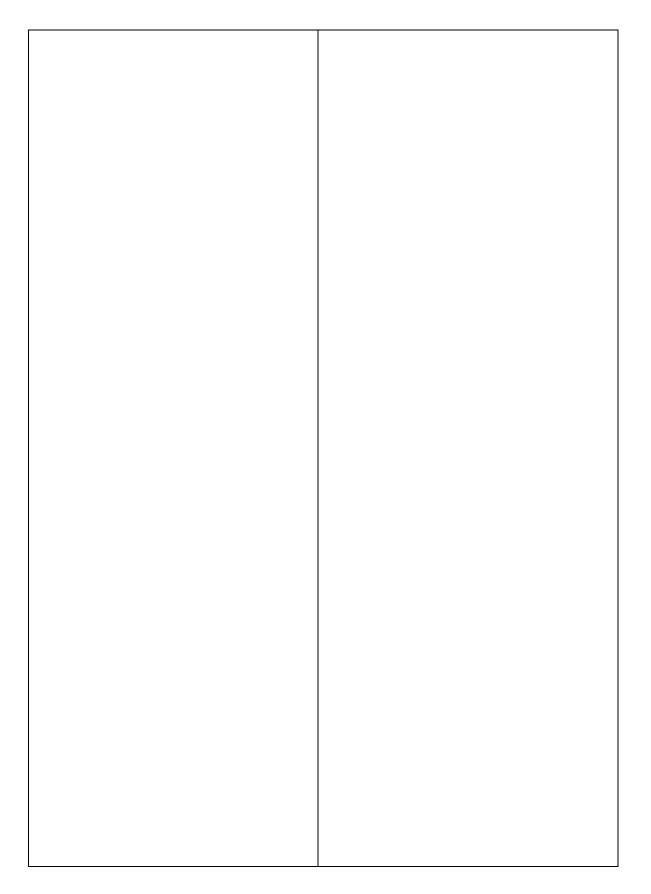
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9. Article of faith						
(a) E	Belief in Allah	Candidates should be able to: (i) examine the significance of the article of				
(i) (ii) (iii) (b) (c) (d) (e)	Existence of Allah (Q.2:255) (Q.52:35-36) Attributes of Allah (Q.59:22-24)) The works of Allah (Q.27:59:64) Belief in Allah's angels (Q.2:177 and 285) (Q.8:50) (Q.16:2) His books (Q.2:253) and 285) (Q.3:3) His Prophets: <i>Ulul-azmi</i> (Q.4:163-164) The Last Day: <i>Yawm-al-Ba'th</i> (Q.23:15-16) (Q.70:4)	 faith; (ii) examine the attributes of Allah; (iii) examine the works of Allah; (iv) examine the belief in Allah's books; (v) identify the verses on Allah's books; (vi) identify the belief in the Prophets of Allah and its significance; (vii) analyse the belief in the Last Day and its significance (viii) evaluate the belief in destiny and its significance. 				
(f)	Destiny: distinction between <i>Qada</i> and <i>Qadar</i> (Q.2:117) (Q.16:40) (Q.36:82)					
10 Ib	adat and their types					
	Good deeds (Q.3:134) (Q.6:160) (Q.2:177) (Q.31:8) (Q.103:1-3) 26 th Hadith of <i>anNawawi</i>	Candidates should be able to: (i) determine what constitutes acts of <i>ibadah;</i>				
(b)	<i>Taharah</i> , its types and importance (alistinja'/istijmar, alwudu', at-tayammum and al-ghusl (Q.2:222) (Q.5:7) Hadith 10 and 23 of an-Nawawi.	(ii) distinguish between the different types of <i>taharah</i> ;				
(c)	 Salah (i) Importance: (Q.2:45) (Q.20:132) (Q.29:45) and Hadith 23rd of an- Nawawi (ii) Description and types of salah (iii) Things that vitiate salah 	 (i) assess the importance of <i>salah</i> to a Muslim's life; (ii) analyse different types of <i>salah</i>; (iii) identify things that vitiate <i>salah</i>. 				
(d)	 Zakah (i) Its types and importance (<i>zakatul-fitr</i>, <i>zakatul mal</i>, <i>al-an-am</i> and <i>al-harth</i> (Q.2:267) (Q.9:103) 3rd Hadith of 					

differentiate between the various types of <i>zakkah</i> and the time of giving them out; (ii) determine how to collect and distribute

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	<i>an-Nawawi</i> Collection and disbursement (Q.9:60) Difference between Zakah and sadaqah	(iii)	<i>zakah</i> ; distinguish between <i>zakah</i> and <i>sadaqah</i>
	Its types and importance (<i>fard</i> , <i>sunnah</i> , <i>qada</i> and <i>kaffarah</i>) (Q.2:183-185) 3 rd Hadith of <i>an-Nawawi</i> People exempted from <i>sawm</i> Things that vitiate <i>sawm</i>	(i) (ii) (iii)	compare the various types of <i>sawm</i> ; determine the people who are exempted from fasting; determine things that vitiate fasting.
(iii) (v)	Its importance (Q.2:158 and 197) (Q.3:97) (Q.22:27-28) Type (<i>Ifrad</i> , <i>Qiran</i> and <i>Tamattu</i>) Essentials of <i>Hajj</i> (<i>Arkan al Hajj</i>) Conditions for the performance of <i>Hajj</i> Differences between <i>Hajj</i> and <i>Umrah</i>	(i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v)	examine the importance of <i>Hajj</i> ; differentiate between the types of <i>Hajj</i> ; determine the essentials of <i>Hajj</i> ; evaluate the conditions for performance of <i>Hajj</i> ; differentiate between <i>Hajj</i> and <i>Umrah</i> .
Les	ad: Concept, kinds, manner and sons (Q.2:190-193) (Q.22:39-40) • Matters (a)	(i) (ii)	examine the concepts of <i>jihad</i> and its type; evaluate the manner of carrying out <i>jihad</i> and its lessons.
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(ii) (iii) (iv) (v)	(Q.4:24-25)	 (i) (i) (i) (i) (i) 	es should be able to: analyse the mportance of marriage; determine the category of women prohibited to a man to marry; examine the conditions for validity of marriage; determine the rights and duties of the spouse; evaluate polygamy and its significance. examine the ill-treatment of wife in marriage



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(c) Dive	orce	
(i)	Attitude of Islamic to divorce (Q.2:228) (Q.4:34-35) Hadith "of al things lawful most hateful to Allah" (Abu Daud 15:3)	(i) analyse the attitude of Islam to divorce
(ii)	Kinds (<i>Talaq</i> , <i>Khul</i> ;, <i>Faskh</i> , <i>Mubara'ah</i> and <i>Lian</i>) (Q.2:229-230) (Q.24:6-9)	 (i) examine the different types of divorce; (ii) differentiate between the various kinds of <i>iddah</i>;
(iii)	Iddah, kinds, duration and importance (Q.2:228 and 234)	(i) analyse its duration and significance;
(iv)	Prohibited forms of dissolution of marriage. (<i>Ila</i> and <i>Zihar</i>) (Q.2:226-227) (Q.58:2-4)	 (i) determine the prohibited forms of ending marriage;
(v)	Custody of children (Hadanah)	
(d) Inhe	sritance	(i) determine who has the right to custody of children;
(i)	Its importance	(i) evaluate the significance of inheritance;
(ii)	Heirs and their shares (Q.4:7-8, 11-12 and 176)	(i) identify the categories of the Qur'anic heirs; (ii) determine the share of each heir;
12. Source	es and Schools of Law	
(i)	The four major sources (the Qur'an, Sunnah, <i>Ijma</i> and <i>Qiyas</i>)	Candidates should be able to:
(ii)	The four Sunni Schools of law	 (i) analyse the four major sources of Islamic law; (ii) examine the biography of the sunni schools of law; (iii) examine their contributions.
13. Islami	c Economic System	
(i)	Islamic attitude to <i>Riba</i> (Q.2:275280) (Q.3:130) (Q.4:161) Hadith 6 th of anNawawi	Candidates should be able to: (i) analyse Islamic attitude to <i>Riba</i> ;

(ii)	At-tatfif (Q.83:1-6)		and	its	negative
		(i) relate <i>at-</i> <i>tatfif</i> consequences			
		tatfif consequences	:		
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(iii)	Hoarding (ihtikar) (Q.9:34)	(i) examine <i>ihtikar</i> and its implications on society;
(iv)	Islamic sources of revenue: Zakah, Jizyah, Kharaj and Ghanimah	(i) identify the sources of revenue in Islam;(ii) evaluate the disbursement of the revenue;
(v)	<i>Baitul-mal</i> as an institution of socioeconomic welfare	(i) determine the uses of <i>baitul-mal</i> in the <i>Ummah</i> ;
(vi)	Difference between the Islamic economic system and the Western economic system	(i) differentiate between the Islamic and Western economic systems.
		Candidates should be able to:
14. Islam (i) (ii)	ic Political System Allah as the Sovereign (Q.3:26-27) The concept of <i>Shurah</i> (consultation)	(i) analyse the concept of Allah's sovereignity;(ii) examine the concept of <i>shurah</i> in Islam
(iii)	(Q.3:159((Q.42:38) The concept of <i>Adalah</i> (justice) (Q.5.9) (Q.17:13-14 and 36) and <i>Mas'uliyah</i> (accountability) (Q.4:58)	(iii) evaluate the concept of justice and accountability
(iv)	(Q102:8) The rights of non-Muslims in an Islamic state (Q.2:256) (Q.6:108)	 (iv) examine the rights of non-Muslims in an Islamic state (v) differentiate between the Islamic and Western
(v)	Differences between the Islamic political system and the Western political system.	political systems.
PART CIVILIZA	III: ISLAMIC HISTORY AND ATION	
15. Pre-Is	slamic Arabia (<i>Jahiliyyah</i>)	
(i)	Jahiliyyah practices: idol worship, infancticide, polyandry, gambling, usury, etc.	 Candidates should be able to: (i) distinguish the different types of practices common to the Arabs of <i>al-Jahiliyyah</i>; (ii) trace the reforms brought about by Islam to the <i>labilizeral</i> practices.
(ii)	Islamic reforms	Jahiliyyah practices. Candidates should be able to:
16. The L (i)	.ife of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) His birth and early life	 (i) account for the birth and early life of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW); (ii) provide evidence for the call of Muhammad
(ii)	His call to Prophethood	(SAW) of Prophethood;
		(iii) analyse the Da'awah activities of the

(iii)	Da'wah in Makkah and Madinah	Prophet Muhammad (SAW) to Madinah;

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	(iv)	The Hjrah	 (i) account for the Hijrah of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) in Makkah and Madinah. (i) analyse the administration of the Muslim Ummah in Madinah.
	(v)	Administration of the <i>Ummah</i> and the role of the mosque (Q.3:159) (Q.4:58 and 135)	(i) account for the causes and effects of the Battles
	(vi)	The Battles of Badr, Uhud and Khandaq: causes and effects	of Badr, Uhud and Khandaq;(i) trace the circumstances leading to the
	(vii) The Treaty of al-Hudaibiyyah and the conquest of Makkah		formulation of the Treaty of Hudaibiyya; (ii) account for the Conquest of Makkah;
			(i) examine for the farewell pilgrimage and its lessons;
	(viii)	<i>Hijjatul-wada</i> (the farewell pilgrimage) sermon, and lessons.	(i) analyse the qualities of Muhammad (SAW) their relevance to the life of a Muslim.
17.	rashidu	Qualities of Muhammad (SAW) and lessons learnt from them ghtly Guided Caliphs (<i>al-Khulafa'u</i> <i>m</i>) – the lives and contributions of the ghtly Guided Caliphs	 Candidates should be able to: (i) trace the biographies of the four Rightly Guided Caliphs; (ii) evaluate their contributions to the development of Islam.
18.	Early c	contact of Islam with Africa (i)	Candidates should be able to: (i) evaluate their circumstances leading to the Hijrah to Abyssinia; (i) give reasons for the spread of Islamic in Egypt;
	Hijrah to Abyssinia		 (i) account for the roles of traders, teachers, preachers, <i>Murabitun</i>, <i>Sufi</i> orders and <i>Mujaddidun</i> in the spread of Islam in West
	(ii) (ii)	The spread of Islam to Egypt The role of traders, teachers, preachers, <i>Murabitun, Sufi</i> orders and <i>Mujaddidun</i> to the spread of Islam in West Africa.	Africa.
19.	The Im	pact of Islam in West Africa	
	(i) 7	The influence of Islam on the sociopolitical life of some West	

 African Songhai a	Empires: and Borno	Ghana,	Mali,

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(ii)	The impact of Islam on the economic life of some West African states: Timbuktu, Kano and Borno	 (i) evaluate the impact of Islam on the economic life of Timbuktu, Kano and Borno.
20	ıtributions of Islam to Education	Candidates should be able to:
(i)	The aims and objectives of Islamic Education	(i) classify the aims and objectives of Islamic Education;
(ii)	The Glorious Qur'an and Hadith on Education (Q.96:1-5) (Q.39:9)	 (i) assess the position of the Glorious Qur'an and Hadith in education;
(i)	"The search for knowledge is obligatory on every Muslim" (Ibn Majah)	(ii) examine the importance of seeking knowledge in Islam;
(ii)	"Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave"	
(iii)	"The words of wisdom are a lost property of the believer a better right to it" (Tirmidhi)	
(iv)	Intellectual activities of Islam in West Africa (development of written history in Arabic and the establishment of Sankore University)	
(v)	Intellectual activities of Ahmad Baba of Timbuktu, Sheikh al-Maghili, sheikh Usman Danfodio, Sultan Muhammad Bello and Ibn Battuta	(i) analyse the intellectual activities of Islam in West Africa.
(vi)	Islamic Education Institutions: House of Wisdom in Baghdad, al-Azhar University in Cairo and Nizamiyyah University in Baghdad.	(i) assess the contributions of Sheikh alMaghili, sheikh Uthman Dan Fodio, Sultan Muhammad Bello and Ibn Battuta;
(vii)	The lives and contributions of Ibn Sina, Al-Ghazali, IBn Rushdi, arRazio and ibn Khaldun to education.	
		(i) account for the development of intellectual centres in Baghdad and Cairo;

(i) examine the contributions of Ibn Sina to the development of Medicine;

(ii) asses al-Ghazali's contribution to Islamic education;(iii) analyse Ibn Rushd's contribution to
 (iii) analyse Ibn Rushd's contribution to philosophy and <i>fiqh</i>; (iv) assess ar-Razi's contribution to philosophy;

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	(v) analyse Ibn Khaldun's contribution to modern sociology and method of writing history.

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