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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

TOPICS/CONTENTS/NOTES	OBJECTIVES	
1. Revelation of the Glorious Qur'an	Candidates should be able to:	
(i) Visits of the Prophet (SAW) to Cave Hira	(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 importance; 	
(iii) Different modes of revelation(Q.42:51): inspiration behind the veil, through an angel, etc.	(iii) differentiate between the modes of revelation;	
(iv) Piecemeal revelation (Q.17:106) Q.25:32)	(iv) explain why the Glor ious Qur'an was revealed piecemeal.	
1b. Preservation of the Glorious Qur'an		
(i) Complete arrangement	 (i) identify the personalities involved in the arrangement of the Glorious Qur'an; 	
 (ii) Differences between Makkah and Madinan suwar (iii) Recording, compilation and 	 (ii) differentiate between Makkan and Madinan suwar 	

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standardization of the Glorious Qur'an (iv) The role played by the Companions of the Prophet (SAW)	 (iii) analyse how the Glorious Qur'an was recorded, compiled and standardized; (iv) evaluate the role played by the companions of the Prophet (SAW)
1c. Importance of the Glorious Qur'an as a source of guidance in spiritual, moral, economic, political and socio-cultural matters.	(i) examine the importance of the Glorious Qur'an.
1d. Proof of the Divine authenticity of the Glorious Qur'an (Q.4:82) (Q.41:42)	(i) evaluate the proof of the divine authenticity of the Glorious Qur'an;
 (i) Uniqueness of the Glorious Qur'an (Q.39:27) (Q.17:88) (Q.75:16-19) (ii) Divine preservation of the Glorious Qur'an (Q.15:9) 	 (i) evaluate the uniqueness of the Glorious Qur'an; (ii) examine the ways by which the Glorious Qur'an was preserved.
 Tafsir (i) Historical development of Tafsir (ii) Importance of Tafsir (iii) Types of Tafsir 	 Candidates should be able to: (i) trace the origin and sources of Tafsir; (ii) evaluate the importance of Tafsir (iii) compare the types of Tafsir.
3. Introduction to Tajwid (Theory and Practice	Candidates should be able to: (i) examine the meaning and importance of Tajwid
 4. Study of the Arabic text of the following suwar/ayats with tajwid (a) al-Fatihah (Q.1) (b) al -Adiyat (Q.100) (c) al -Qari'ah (Q.101) (d) at -Takathur (Q.102) (e) al -Asr ((Q.103) (f) al -Humazah (Q.104) (g) al -Maun ((Q.107 (h) al -Kawthar (Q.108) (i) al - Kafirun (Q. 109) (j) al-Nasr (Q. 110) (k) al -Masad ((Q.111)) (l) al -Falaq ((Q.113)) (n) an-Nas (Q.114) 	 Candidates should be able to: (i) recite with correct tajwid the Arabic texts of the suwar; (ii) translate the verses; (iii) deduce lessons from them; (iv) evaluate the teachings of the verses.

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 5. Study of the Arabic text of the following suwar/ayats with tajwid (a) al-A'ala (Q.87) (b) ad-Duha (Q.93) (c) al-Inshirah (Q.94) (d) at-Tin (Q.95) (e) al-Alaq (Q.96) (f) al-Qadr (Q.97) (g) al-Bayyinah (Q.98) (h) al-Zilzal (Q.99) (i) Ayatul-Kursiy (Q.2:255) (j) Amanar-Rasul (Q.2:285-6) (k) Laqad jaakun (Q.9:128-129) 	Candidates should be able to: (i) recite with correct tajwid the Arabic texts of the suwar; (ii) deduce lessons from them; (iii) evaluate their teachings;
 6. Hadith (a) History of Hadith literature - Collection of Hadith from the time of the Prophet(SAW) to the period of the six authentic collectors of Hadith (b) Authentication of Hadith (i) Isnad (Asma'ur-rijal) (ii) Matn (iii) Classification of Hadith into Sahih Hassan and Da'if 	 Candidates should be able to: (i) evaluate the history of Hadith from the time of the Prophet (SAW) to the period of six authentic collectors. (ii) analyse the <i>Isnad</i>; (iii) analyse the <i>Matn</i>; (iv) distinguish between Hadith Sahih, Hassan and da'if.
 (c) The relationship between Hadith and the Glorious Qur'an (i) The importance of Hadith (ii) The similarities and differences between Hadith and the Glorious Qur'an 	Candidates should be able to: (i) examine the importance of Hadith; (ii) distinguish between Hadith and the Glorious Qur'an.

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(d) The six sound collectors of Hadith – biographies and their works.	(i) evaluate their biographies and works
(e) Muwatta and its author [–] The biography of Imam Malik and the study of his book	(i) evaluate his biography;(ii) analyse his work.
(f) 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	(i) interpret the <i>ahadith</i> in Arabic(ii) apply them in their daily lives.
7. Moral lessons in th e Glorious Qur'an and Hadith	Candidates should be able to:
 (a) General moral lessons contained in the admonition of Sage Luqman to his son (Q.31:18-20). 	(i) use the teachings of the verses in their daily lives;
(b) Goodness to parents (Q.17:23-24)	(i) apply the teachings of the verses to their daily lives;
(c) Honesty (Q.2:42)(Q.61:2-3)	(i) demonstrate the teachings of the verses in 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.2:172-173, 195 and 219) (Q.4:43) (Q.5:3) (Q.6:118-121) arrogance (Q.31:18-19) and extravagance (Q.17:26-27) (Q.31:18-19) 	(i) use the teachings of the verses in their daily lives
 (e) 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". 	(i) apply the teachings of the verses in their daily lives.
(f) Behaviour and modesty in dressing (Q.24:27-31) (Q.33:59)	(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 meet a woman privately "Bukhari		
(h)	Leadership (Q.2:124) and justice (Q.4:58 and 135) (Q.5:9) Hadith – 'take care everyone of you is a governor concerning his subjects" (al -Bukhari and others)	(i)	apply the teachings of the verses and the <i>al-Hadith</i> to their daily lives.
(i)	Trust and obligations (Q:4:58) (Q.5:1) and promises (Q.16:91) Hadith 'he has (really) no faith Not fulfilled his promise" (Baihaqi)	(i)	demonstrate the teachings of the verses and the <i>Hadith</i> in their daily lives.
(j)	Piety (Taqwa) (Q:2:177) (Q.3:102) (Q.49:13) Hadith 18 and 35 of an Nawawi	(i)	apply the teachings of the verses and the <i>ahadith</i> in their daily lives.
(k)	Tolerance, perseverance and patience (Q.2:153-157) (Q.3:200) (Q.103:3) Hadith 16 of an-Nawawi	(i)	Interpret the teachings of the verses and the <i>Hadith</i> in their daily lives.
(1)	Unity and brotherhood (Q.3:103) (Q.8:46) (Q.49:10) Hadith 35 of an- Nawawi	(i)	demonstrate the teachings of the verses and the <i>Hadith</i> in their daily lives.
(m)	Enjoining what is good and forbidding what is wrong (Q.3:104 and 110) (Q.16:90) Hadith 25 and 34 of an Nawawi	(i)	apply the teachings of the verses and the <i>ahadith</i> in their daily lives.
8. PAR	T II: TAWHID AND FIQH		
(a) Fa	aith	Candida	ites should be able to:
(i)	Tawhid	(i)	analyse the concepts of Tawhid
	Its importance and lessons		
(b) K	alimatush-Shahadah	(i)	evaluate the significance of kalimatush
(i)	Its meaning and importance		shahadah;
(ii)	The Oneness of Allah as contained in the following verses: (Q.3:19) Q.2:255) (Q.112:1-4)	(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) 	 (i) evaluate the significance of the universality of Prophet Muhammad's message; (i) examine the significance of the finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (SAW)
 (c) Shirk 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 Tawhid: 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-Nawawi 	 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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 9. Article of faith (a) Belief in Allah (i) Existence of Allah (Q.2:255) (Q.52:35-36) 	Candidates should be able to: (i) examine the significance of the article of faith; (ii) examine the attributes of Allah;
 (ii) Attributes of Allah (Q.59:22-24) (iii) The works of Allah (Q.27:59:64) (b) Belief in Allah's angels (Q.2:177 and 285) (Q.8:50) (Q.16:2) (c) His books (Q.2:253) and 285) (Q.3:3) 	 (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
 (c) His books (Q.2.255) and 265) (Q.3.3) (d) His Prophets: Ulul-azmi (Q.4:163-164) (e) The Last Day: Yawm-al-Ba'th (Q.23:15-16) (Q.70:4) (f) Destiny: distinction between Qada and Qadar (Q.2:117) (Q.16:40) (Q.36:82) 	significance.
 10. Ibadat and their types (a) Good deeds (Q.3:134) (Q.6:160) (Q.2:177) (Q.31:8) (Q.103:1-3) 26th Hadith of <i>an-Nawawi</i> 	Candidates should be able to: (i) determine what constitutes acts of <i>ibadah;</i>
 (b) Taharah, its types and importance (al- istinja'/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 <i>an-Nawawi</i> (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 	 (i) 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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an-Nawawi (ii) Collection and disbursement (Q.9:60) (iii) Difference between Zakah and sadaqah	zakah; (iii) distinguish between zakah and sadaqah
 (e) Sawm (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> (ii) People exempted from <i>sawm</i> (iii) Things that vitiate <i>sawm</i> 	 (i) compare the various types of <i>sawm</i>; (ii) determine the people who are exempted from fasting; (iii) determine things that vitiate fasting.
 (f) Hajj (i) Its importance (Q.2:158 and 197) (Q.3:97) (Q.22:27-28) (ii) Type (Ifrad, Qiran and Tamattu) (iii) Essentials of Hajj (Arkan al Hajj) (v) Conditions for the performance of Hajj (iv) Differences between Hajj and Umrah (g) Jihad: Concept, kinds, manner and Lessons (Q.2:190-193) (Q.22:39-40) 	 (i) examine the importance of <i>Hajj</i>; (ii) differentiate between the types of <i>Hajj</i>; (iii) determine the essentials of <i>Hajj</i>; (iv) evaluate the conditions for performance of <i>Hajj</i>; (v) differentiate between <i>Hajj</i> and <i>Umrah</i>. (i) examine the concepts of <i>jihad</i> and its type; (ii) evaluate the manner of carrying out <i>jihad</i> and its lessons.
11. Family Matters(a) Marriage(i) Importance (Q.16:72) (Q.24:32)	Candidates should be able to: (i) analyse the importance of marriage;
(Q.30:20-21) (ii) Prohibited categories (Q.2:221) (Q.4:22-24)	(i) determine the category of women prohibited to a man to marry;
(iii) Conditions for its validity (Q.4:4) (Q.4:24-25)	(i) examine the conditions for validity of marriage;
(iv) Rights and duties of husbands and wives (Q.4:34-35) (Q.20:132) (Q.65:6-7)	(i) determine the rights and duties of the spouse;
(v) Polygamy (Q.4:3 and 129)	(i) evaluate polygamy and its significance.
(b) <i>Idrar</i> ill-treatment of wife (Q. 65:1-3)	(i) examine the ill-treatment of wife in marriage

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(c) Divorc	e		
((1a	titude of Islamic to divorce (Q.2:228) Q.4:34-35) Hadith "of al things awful most hateful to Allah" Abu Daud 15:3)	(i)	analyse the attitude of Islam to divorce
. ,	nds (<i>Talaq, Khul</i> ;, <i>Faskh, Mubara</i> 'ah nd <i>Lian</i>) (Q.2:229-230) (Q.24:6-9)		examine the different types of divorce; differentiate between the various kinds of <i>iddah</i> ;
	ldah, kinds, duration and importance Q.2:228 and 234)	(i)	analyse its duration and significance;
n	Prohibited forms of dissolution of harriage. (<i>Ila</i> and <i>Zihar</i>) (Q.2:226-27) (Q.58:2-4)	(i)	determine the prohibited forms of ending marriage;
(v) C	ustody of children (Hadanah)	(i)	determine who has the right to custody of children;
(d) Inherit	ance		
(i) Its	importance	(i)	evaluate the significance of inheritance;
. ,	eirs and their shares (Q.4:7-8, 11-12 nd 176)	()	identify the categories of the Qur'anic heirs; determine the share of each heir;
12. Sources a	nd Schools of Law		
(-)	The four major sources (the Qur'an, Sunnah, <i>Ijma</i> and <i>Qiyas</i>)	Candida (i)	tes should be able to: analyse the four major sources of Islamic law;
(ii)	The four Sunni Schools of law		examine the biography of the sunni schools of law; examine their contributions.
13. Islamic F	Economic System		
(i)	Islamic attitude to <i>Riba</i> (Q.2:275-280) (Q.3:130) (Q.4:161) Hadith 6 th of an-Nawawi		tes should be able to: analyse Islamic attitude to <i>Riba</i> ;
(ii) <i>.</i>	At-tatfif (Q.83:1-6)	(i)	relate <i>at-tatfif</i> and its negative consequences;

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(iii) Hoarding (<i>ihtikar</i>) (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 socio- economic 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.
 14. Islamic Political System (i) Allah as the Sovereign (Q.3:26-27) (ii) The concept of <i>Shurah</i> (consultation) (Q.3:159((Q.42:38) (iii) 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) (Q102:8) (iv) The rights of non-Muslims in an Islamic state (Q.2:256) (Q.6:108) (v) Differences between the Islamic political system and the Western political system. PART III: ISLAMIC HISTORY AND CIVIL IZATION 	 Candidates should be able to: (i) analyse the concept of Allah's sovereignity; (ii) examine the concept of <i>shurah</i> in Islam (iii) evaluate the concept of justice and accountability (iv) examine the rights of non-Muslims in an Islamic state (v) differentiate between the Islamic and Western political systems.
 CIVILIZATION 15. Pre-Islamic Arabia (Jahiliyyah) (i) Jahiliyyah practices: idol worship, infancticide, polyandry, gambling, usury, etc. (ii) Islamic reforms 	 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>Jahiliyyah</i> practices.
 16. The Life of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) (i) His birth and early life (ii) His call to Prophethood 	 Candidates should be able to: (i) account for the birth and early life of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW); (ii) provide evidence for the call of Muhammad (SAW) of Prophethood; (iii) analyse the Da'awah activities of the D
(iii) <i>Da'wah</i> 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.
(v)	Administration of the <i>Ummah</i> and the role of the mosque (Q.3:159) (Q.4:58 and 135)	 (i) analyse the administration of the Muslim Ummah in Madinah.
(vi)	The Battles of Badr, Uhud and Khandaq: causes and effects	(i) account for the causes and effects of the Battles of Badr, Uhud and Khandaq;
(vii)	The Treaty of al-Hudaibiyyah and the conquest of Makkah	(i) trace the circumstances leading to the formulation of the Treaty of Hudaibiyya;(ii) account for the Conquest of Makkah;
(viii)	<i>Hijjatul-wada</i> (the farewell pilgrimage) sermon, and lessons.	 (i) examine for the farewell pilgrimage and its lessons;
(ix)	Qualities of Muhammad (SAW) and lessons learnt from them	(i) analyse the qualities of Muhammad (SAW) their relevance to the life of a Muslim.
rashidun)	ghtly Guided Caliphs (al-Khula fa'u – the lives and contributions of the four ided 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	contact of Islam with Africa	Candidates should be able to:
(i) (ii) (ii)	 Hijrah to Abyssinia The spread of Islam to Egypt The role of traders, teachers, preachers, <i>Murabitun</i>, <i>Sufi</i> orders and <i>Mujaddidun</i> to the spread of Islam in West Africa. 	 (i) evaluate their circumstances leading to the Hijrah to Abyssinia; (i) give reasons for the spread of Islamic in Egypt; (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 Africa.
19. The Ir (i)	npact of Islam in West Africa The influence of Islam on the socio- political life of some West African Empires: Ghana, Mali, Songhai and Borno	Candidates should be able to: (i) analyse the influence of Islam on the socio- political system of some West African States;

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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. Contri	butions of Islam to Education	Candidates should be able to:
(i) T	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 f rom the cradle to the grave"	
(ii	i) "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)	 (i) analyse the intellectual activities of Islam in West Africa.
(v)	Intellectual activities of Ahmad Baba of Timbuktu, Sheikh al-Maghili, sheikh Usman Danfodio, Sultan Muhammad Bello and Ibn Battuta	 assess the contributions of Sheikh al- Maghili, sheikh Uthman Dan Fodio, Sultan Muhammad Bello and Ibn Battuta;
(vi)	Islamic Education Institutions: House of Wisdom in Baghdad, al-Azhar University in Cairo and Nizamiyyah University in Baghdad.	 account for the development of intellectual centres in Baghdad and Cairo;
(vii)	The lives and contributions of Ibn Sina, Al-Ghazali, IBn Rushdi, ar- Razio and ibn Khaldun to education.	 (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 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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