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Paper 3 Heritage of Islam

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1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
Section A: answer **one** question.
Section B: answer **one** question.
- 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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Section A

Answer **EITHER** Question 1 **OR** Question 2.

EITHER

- 1 Study Figure 1.1, which shows the interior of Cordoba Mosque.



Figure 1.1

- (a) Describe interfaith relations in Muslim Spain.
You should refer to Figure 1.1 and your own knowledge in your answer. [10]
- (b) 'The legacy of interfaith relations from Muslim Spain is still influential today.' Do you agree?
Give reasons for your answer. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

- 2 Study Figure 2.1, which shows a diagram of parts of the human body made by a Muslim scientist.

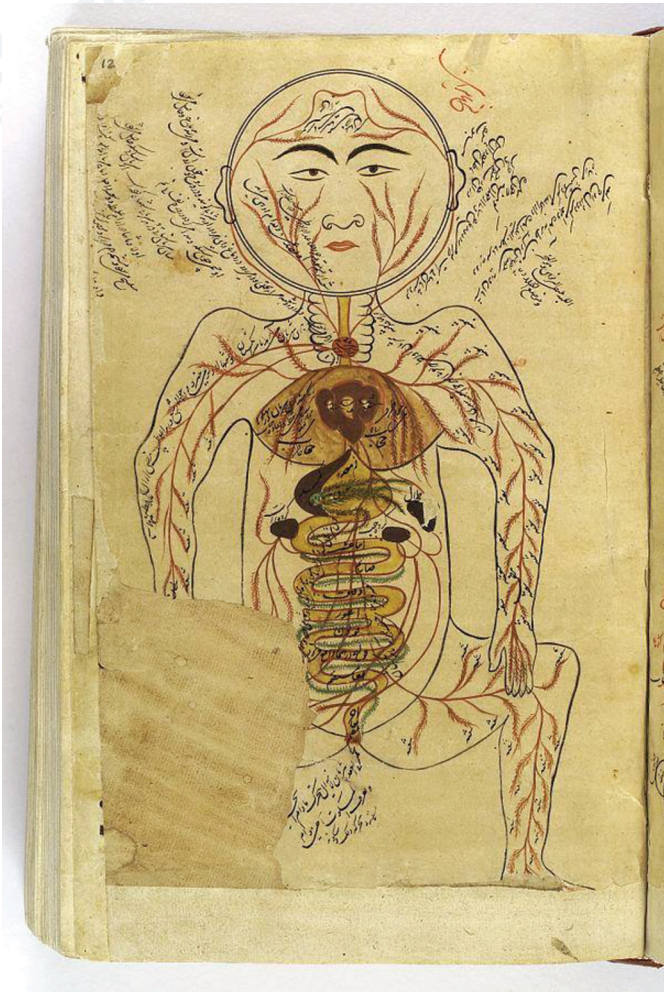


Figure 2.1

- (a) Explain ways in which 'Abbasid scientists contributed to medicine.
You should refer to Figure 2.1 and your own knowledge in your answer. [10]
- (b) 'The 'Abbasid scientists did little more than copy the Greeks.' Do you agree? Explain your answer. [15]

[Total: 25]

Section B

Answer **EITHER** Question 3 **OR** Question 4.

EITHER

3 (a) Explain **three** ways Muslims may invite others to Islam (*da‘wah*). [10]

(b) Discuss which method of inviting people to Islam (*da‘wah*) is most appropriate for today. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

4 (a) Explain how the belief in God in Islam is shown by calligraphy. [10]

(b) ‘The belief in God is more clearly shown in books rather than through architecture.’
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [15]

[Total: 25]

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