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RES 442: MODERN ISLAMIC REFORM MOVEMENT

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DURATION: 2 HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 70

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Write your registration number on the answer booklet.
2. **DO NOT** write on this question paper.
3. This paper contains **SIX (6)** questions.
4. Question **ONE** is compulsory.
5. Answer any other **THREE** questions.
6. Question **ONE** carries **25 MARKS** and the rest carry **15 MARKS** each.
7. Write all your answers in the Examination answer booklet provided.

QUESTION ONE

Read the case study below carefully and answer questions below:-

REFORM MOVEMENTS IN ISLAM

The religion of Islam is dated back to the year 610 CE. This is the period when Prophet Mohammad, the founder of the Religion had the revelation from Allah as the right Prophet to declare the right religion to at the prehistoric period of Islam. The religion of Islam at this period was marred with violence, uncivilization, abuse of human rights, idolatry and polytheism. Much has been documented on the religious works of Prophet Mohammad on the right living of the religious practices for the Islam adherents called 'Muslims'. The Quran the main sacred text as a guide in the Islamic faith has been the only recognized text in the Islamic faith. Equally Islamic spirituality emphasizes the need for balance and equilibrium. The Quran says 'We have made you (believers) into a just community so that you may witness (to the truth) before others and so that the Messenger may bear witness (to it) before you' (Quran 2:143)

However, today there are committed Muslim extremists and unfortunately stereotypes in the religion. This makes the religion of Islam characterized with practices contrary to the Mohammad teachings, may involve political movements deviant from true Islamic faith resulting to cultic faith. This not only occurs in Islam but in other world religions. The Shi'a - Sunni, Sufism are well known splitter groups in Islamic faith. The Shi'a-Sunni movement occurred after the death of Ali and Hussein the grandson of the prophet Muhammad.

Required

- a) Based on the case study, assess any five characteristics of reform movements in Islam. (10 marks)
- b) Assess five factors that could have led to the reform movements. (10 marks)
- c) Analyze five characteristics of the Shi'a movement. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) The Shi'a and Sunni are popular Islamic reform movements in Islam. Examine five ways the Sunni differ from the Shi'a. (10 Marks)
- b) The Sunni consider Prophet Mohammed the 'Speaking Quran'. Justify with five reasons. (5 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Compare and contrast Islam reform movements with Christian. (10marks)
- b) Propose five ways the Sunnis are considered by other Muslim adherents. (5 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Examine five attributes of Sufism as a mystical order in Islam. (10 marks)
- b) Analyze any five historical contribution of Sufism in Islamic religion. (5 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Although the Shi'a and Sunni are a splinter group in Islam they still hold to teachings of Muhammed. Justify with five facts. (10 marks)
- b) Assess five ways Islamic reform movements have an influence on the future of Islam. (5 marks)

QUESTION SIX

- a) Islamic reform movements have a difference in their formation as compared to the revelation of Prophet Mohammed. Analyze five differences. (5 marks)
- b) Sufi philosophy emphasizes on a purified heart for it to awaken. Examine the application of this in Islam. (5 marks)
- c) Assess the impact of the assassination of Ali in the formation of Islamic reforms. (5 marks)

