3.6 Muhammad as the Seal of the Prophets and the Finality of Risalah: Test Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

1 This question checks key vocabulary about Muhammad's status in Islam and the Nabi/Rasul distinction, in the context of Khatm an-Nubuwwah.

(a) State what is meant by 'Khatm an-Nubuwwah' as used in Muslim belief about Muhammad. **(1)**

(b) State what is meant by the Arabic term Nabi in Islamic teaching. **(1)**

(c) State what is meant by the Arabic term Rasul in Islamic teaching. **(1)**

(d) Give one reason why some figures in Islam are called Rasul rather than Nabi. **(1)**

(e) Give one example of a prophet in Islam who is universally described as a Rasul rather than only a Nabi. **(1)**

(Total for Question 1 is 5 marks)

2 Explain two reasons why Muslims believe Muhammad is the final prophet, referring to Islamic belief in your answer.

(Total for Question 2 is 4 marks)

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3 Explain two ways belief in Muhammad's finality might affect the daily religious practice of a Muslim individual.

(Total for Question 3 is 4 marks)

4 Give three ways the idea that Muhammad is the last prophet helps maintain unity within the global Muslim community.

(Total for Question 4 is 3 marks)

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Question 1

(a) the belief that Muhammad is the Seal of the Prophets, meaning no prophet will come after him, oe **B1**

(a) Answer: The belief that Muhammad is the Seal of the Prophets, meaning no prophet will come after him.

(b) a prophet who receives revelation from Allah, often for personal guidance or for a particular community, oe **B1**

(b) Answer: A prophet who receives revelation from Allah, often for personal guidance or for a particular community.

(c) a messenger sent with a revealed scripture or law to deliver guidance to a wider community, oe **B1**

(c) Answer: A messenger sent with a revealed scripture or law to deliver guidance to a wider community.

(d) because they were given a scripture or a universal message to deliver, oe **B1**

(d) Answer: Because they were given a scripture or a universal message to deliver.

(e) Muhammad or Musa or Isa, oe **B1**

(e) Answer: Muhammad (other acceptable answers: Musa, Isa).

Question 2

point 1: Muslims cite the Quranic statement that Muhammad is the Seal of the Prophets, indicating finality, oe **B1**

development: this is based on Surah 33:40 which explicitly calls Muhammad khatim al-nabiyyin, providing scriptural authority, oe **B1**

point 2: the completion of guidance in the Quran and the finality of the sharia given through Muhammad, oe **B1**

development: Muslims believe the Quran is the final revealed scripture and Muhammad completed the message sent through earlier prophets, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. Surah 33:40 calls Muhammad the Seal of the Prophets, and Muslims believe the Quran is the final scripture completing previous revelation.

Question 3

point 1: a Muslim may follow the Sunnah closely because Muhammad is seen as the final model for behaviour, oe **B1**

development: this could affect worship, dress, family life and ethical choices that follow prophetic example, oe **B1**

point 2: a Muslim may treat the Quran as the final authority, using it to resolve doubts instead of expecting new revelation, oe **B1**

development: this can lead to seeking guidance from scholars and established schools of law rather than awaiting new prophetic instruction, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. following the Sunnah as the final behavioural model; treating the Quran as the final authority and turning to scholars for interpretation.

Question 4

provides a single, shared reference point in scripture and prophetic example, oe **B1**

discourages rival prophetic claims that could split communities, oe **B1**

encourages common legal and moral frameworks derived from Quran and Sunnah, oe **B1**

Answer: Any three: shared reference point; discourages rival prophetic claims; encourages common legal and moral frameworks.

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