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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE**

MAIN CAMPUS – RESIT

COURSE CODE: ZRE 3327

COURSE TITLE: ISLAMIC CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer Question ONE (COMPULSORY) and ANY other 2 questions**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

1. The great unifying factor of Islamic Culture and civilization was clearly that of Muhammad; he was born in Makkah but migrated to Madinah where he shaped a culture that has become the second largest world religion. State your opinion. (30 Marks)
2. In the beginning the Muslims were both open and cautious. They quickly borrowed and integrated elements of other cultures and made Islam a wonderful blend of beliefs and practices. But this does not undermine the revelation that Muhammad claimed to have received. Discuss. (20 Marks)
3. The time of the immediate four successors of Muhammad is usually called the Golden Age (Rashidun). State and discuss 5 reasons that support this claim. (20 marks)
4. The intellectual and political renaissance of Islam took place during the Abbasid period. Argue over this statement. (20 Marks)
5. Islam in Africa today familiar to Africans; however, it still unknown, strange and scary. State and discuss your reasons (20 Marks)