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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS**

Course Code: ISL813
Course Title: ADVANCED QUR'ĀNIC STUDIES
Credit Unit: 3.0 Units
Time Allowed: 2 hours 30 Minutes.
Instruction: Answer Question One and any other three questions

1. Investigate and analyze the views of non-Muslims on the Qur'an, examining their perspectives, criticisms, and appreciations towards the Islamic scripture. Provide a comprehensive assessment of the diversity of opinions while considering the historical, cultural, and religious contexts that shape these views. (25 marks, 60 Minutes)
2. Assess the authenticity of the Qur'an as a religious scripture, considering its historical context, transmission, and preservation. Provide a well-structured argument with supporting evidence. (15 marks, 30 minutes)
3. Describe and evaluate the diverse literary forms and stylistic features employed in the Qur'an. Provide examples and analyze their impact on conveying meaning and engaging the reader. (15 marks, 30 minutes)
4. Discuss the concept of variant readings in the Quran and their significance in Islamic scholarship. In your essay, analyze the reasons behind the existence of variant readings, explore the historical development of the Quranic script, and evaluate the implications of variant readings on the understanding and interpretation of the Quranic text. Support your arguments with relevant examples from different variants and the views of prominent scholars. (15 marks, 30 minutes)
5. Write a well-structured essay that explores the significance and historical importance of the manuscripts of the Qur'an. Analyze the methods used in preserving and transmitting the Qur'an through the centuries, and discuss the impact of these manuscripts on the Islamic world. Additionally, highlight the challenges faced in preserving these valuable documents and the role of modern technology in their study. (15 marks, 30 minutes)