

Midterm Review

PART I: IDENTIFICATIONS [30 points/15 minutes]—For three (3) of the five items listed below, identify, contextualize and discuss their significance for the themes that constitute our study this semester. NOTE: For entries that involve more than one term, describe how one relates to the other(s).

1. *Islam-Iman-Ihsan-Din* (Hadith Gabriel)
2. *Taqwa*
3. *Adab*
4. Five-Value Scale
5. Satan (*Shaytan*)

PART II: SHORT ANSWER QUESTION: [30 points/15 minutes]—Answer only one (1) of the two questions listed below.

1. Compare and contrast the differences between the two major schools of Islamic Theology, the Asharites and the Mutazilites.
2. Describe the “three faculties of the soul” and the “four cardinal virtues”.

PART III: ESSAY QUESTION: [40 points/20 minutes]—Answer only one (1) of the two questions listed below.

1. Drawing on the readings, describe the salient features of Sharia. How is Sharia relevant for Islamic ethics and its study?
2. Rahman argues that the "central aim of the Qur'an is to establish a viable social order" (37). Provide an overview of this viable just social order? What does it look like? What according to him are the various challenges to accomplishing this Quranic calling?