

SECTION B

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Read the following passage before answering the questions.

The real meaning of Islamic spirituality lies in reforming the space of one's interiority, appeasing one's heart at the level of acknowledgement of the Creator and within a generous human action; it is loving in transparency and living in the light. This spirituality joins the horizons of all other spiritualities, which require man to be equipped with a force of being rather than being subjected to the despotic fierceness of a life which is reduced to instinct. This tension towards the mastery of the self is conveyed in Arabic by the word *jihād*. Understanding this dimension is a necessary part of a larger discussion on the meaning of armed conflict. What needs to be retained in the first instance, on the individual plane as well as on the international plane, is that God has willed this tension. He made it by His management of one of the conditions of access to faith and to humanity.

(Source: Extract from *Islam, The West and the Challenges of Modernity*, by Tariq Ramadan, Kube Publishing, 2001, Edexcel Anthology)

- 3 (a) Clarify the ideas illustrated in this passage about Jihad.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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This extract was from Ramadan's work on *Islam, The West and the Challenges of Modernity* where he discusses Jihad and trying to find a deeper meaning.

When he says that you can "appease one's heart at the level of acknowledgement of the creator" links to the idea of *Tawakkul*. Struggling to stay on Allah's path will help to attain the peace of heart.

Secondly, Ramadan distinguishes ideas of greater and lesser Jihad. He describes ~~less~~ greater Jihad as "mastery of the self". This highlights that Jihad is about



overcoming. He evil ways like the unrighteous ways
and he says that blames to reach ways at peace.

Here he describes lesser jihad as "armed conflict"
and this is about fighting for a religious
cause like those who oppress or persecute the
believers.

Lastly, He mentions how "creed has ruled
this tension" which clarifies ideas about how
humans were created with instinct but also
with choice to avoid evil and do good so they
can be successful for the Akhira - by
typology.



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