



# Cambridge O Level

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## ISLAMIC STUDIES

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Paper 1 History and Scriptures

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total, **one** from each section.  
Answer all parts of the questions you have chosen.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

### INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Answer **three** questions.

Choose **one** question from each section.

You must answer **all** parts of the questions you have chosen.

**Section A: Religions, traditions and practices before the prophethood of Muhammad (pbuh)**

- 1 (a) Outline **two** features of the tribal system in Makkah before Islam. [4]
- (b) Describe the economic system in Makkah before Islam. [10]
- (c) To what extent did the arrival of Islam improve the tribal system in Makkah? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

- 2 (a) State **four** things that happened to Adam (AS) before he was sent to Earth. [4]
- (b) Describe the events of the birth of 'Isa (AS). [10]
- (c) To what extent might the story of 'Isa's birth give Muslims encouragement in their lives? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

**Section B: Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)**

- 3 (a) Outline **two** events that happened during Muhammad's childhood. [4]
- (b) Describe Muhammad's trade journey with Abu Talib **and** their meeting with Bahira. [10]
- (c) Evaluate the significance of Muhammad (pbuh) accompanying his uncle on trade journeys. [6]

[Total: 20]

- 4 (a) Give the names of **four** people who supported the Prophet's preaching after the revelation. [4]
- (b) Describe what happened to the Prophet (pbuh) in Ta'if. [10]
- (c) To what extent were the people of Madinah more open to the Prophet's message than the people of Makkah? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

### Section C: Texts from the Holy Qur'an and Hadith

#### 5 Surah 103

- 1 By (the Token of) Time (through the ages),
- 2 Verily Man is in loss,
- 3 Except such as have Faith, and do righteous deeds,  
and (join together) in the mutual teaching of Truth,  
and of Patience and Constancy.

[Yusuf Ali; *An English Interpretation of the Holy Qur'an*]

- (a) Explain the teachings of Surah 103 **and** the relevance of those teachings for Muslims today. [12]
- (b) To what extent is it easy for Muslims today to fulfil their obligations of praying and fasting while they are at work? Give reasons to support your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

#### 6 Hadith No 5 Rejection of innovation

'He who innovates something in this matter of ours that is not of it will have it rejected.'

[*An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith*]

- (a) Explain the teachings of this Hadith **and** the importance of closely following the teachings of the sunnah. [12]
- (b) To what extent might Muslims today find it challenging to apply the teachings of this Hadith? Give reasons to support your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

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