



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS
General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

ISLAMIC RELIGION AND CULTURE

2056/01

Paper 1

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2 hours 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **five** questions.

Choose any **two** questions from Part 1 and any **two** questions from Part 2 and **one** other question from either Part 1 or Part 2.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.



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Answer **five** questions in total.

Choose any **two** questions from Part 1 and any **two** questions from Part 2, and **one** other question from either Part 1 or Part 2.

Part 1

- 1 (a) Describe the social conditions in Arabia during the Age of Ignorance (*jahiliyyah*). [10]
(b) How far were the religious beliefs held at that time important to the Arab way of life? [10]
- 2 (a) Write an account of any **two** of the following episodes in the life of the Prophet Muhammad:
(i) meeting with Bahira
(ii) Khadijah's proposal of marriage
(iii) replacing of the Black Stone (*hajar al aswad*). [10]
(b) How did the Prophet's life **before** the first revelation prepare him for the years to come? [10]
- 3 (a) What events led to the Prophet's migration (*hijrah*) to Medina? [10]
(b) Why was the *hijrah* of the Prophet a turning point for the Muslims? [10]
- 4 (a) Describe the events of the Battle of Uhud. [10]
(b) Was Uhud a defeat for the Muslims? Give your reasons. [10]
- 5 (a) Describe the teachings set down by the Prophet in Medina on:
(i) brotherhood
(ii) the position of women. [10]
(b) What do these teachings tell us about the nature of the new community (*ummah*) which the Prophet was establishing? [10]
- 6 (a) Describe the achievements of Uthman as Caliph. [10]
(b) Why do you think problems arose during his Caliphate? [10]

Part 2

- 7 (a) Describe the collection of the Qur'an during the time of the Prophet **and** during the Caliphate of Abu Bakr. [10]
- (b) Why do you think it was important to make this collection? [10]
- 8 (a) What are the main teachings of Surah Fateha? [10]
- (b) Explain why this Surah is regarded as so important. [10]
- 9 (a) Relate what is written in the Qur'an of **one** of two occasions when Allah spoke to the Prophet Musa (Moses) on the mountain. [10]
- (b) What do Muslims learn from reflecting on the life of Musa? [10]
- 10 (a) What are the main observances followed by Muslims during the month of Ramadan? [10]
- (b) Give reasons why this month is special. [10]
- 11 (a) Give a brief description of the five Pillars of Islam. [10]
- (b) Choose **one** and consider how it is important in **your** life. [10]
- 12 (a) In the Hadith you have studied, what did the Prophet say about:
- (i) being generous, **and**
- (ii) being tolerant? [10]
- (b) Explain why knowledge of the Hadith is important for Muslims. [10]

