

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS  
General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

**ISLAMIC RELIGION AND CULTURE**

**2056/01**

Paper 1

October/November 2004

**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 on both sides of the paper.  
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **five** questions in total.

Choose any **two** questions from Part I and any **two** questions from Part II and **one** other question from either Part I or Part II.

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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## Part I

- 1 (a) Describe social and economic life in the Hijaz before Islam.  
(b) How important was religion to the Arabs of the Hijaz at that time? [10]
- 2 (a) Describe the events leading up to the Hijra. [10]  
(b) Why was the Hijra an important turning point for the early Muslims? [10]
- 3 (a) Describe what happened at the Battle of the Trench. [10]  
(b) Why was the Battle of the Trench important to the Muslims? [10]
- 4 (a) Describe the main teachings contained in the Prophet's farewell address. [10]  
(b) In what ways do Muslims put these teachings into practice? [10]
- 5 (a) How was Uthman elected? [10]  
(b) What difficulties did he encounter during his Caliphate? [10]
- 6 (a) Describe the Muslim victories under Abu Bakr and Umar. [10]  
(b) Why do you think the Muslims were successful in these victories? [10]

## Part II

- 7 (a) Give a brief description of the five pillars of faith in Islam.  
(b) Discuss in detail how any **two** of these pillars affect the lives of Muslims today. [10]
- 8 (a) Describe what happens on Id al-Adha (Id ud-Doha). [10]  
(b) Discuss the religious meanings of this rite. [10]
- 9 (a) Describe the story of Adam as told in the Qur'an. [10]  
(b) What are the most important lessons for Muslims contained in this story? [10]
- 10 (a) What are the requirements for fasting in Ramadan? [10]  
(b) In what ways does Ramadan strengthen Muslims as individuals and as a community? [10]
- 11 What does Islam teach about  
(a) love, [10]  
and (b) tolerance? [10]
- In your answer, refer to any teachings of the Qur'an and Hadith you have studied.
- 12 (a) Name and briefly describe the four main types of Hadith. [10]  
(b) Why do Muslims need the Hadith? [10]

