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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 8

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An Introduction to the Study of Islam

[AR181]

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE, AFTERNOON



TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

You are advised to take account of the marks for each question or part question.

Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Explain the significance of the pillars of almsgiving (Zakat) and pilgrimage (Hajj). [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the worship of Allah is a demanding way of life. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain the importance of the mosque and the Imam in Muslim worship. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that in Islam, it is the mosque alone which brings unity and equality to the community. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Give an account of the key events in Muhammad's life from his call until his death. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that the demands of religious leadership are too great. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Give an account of the process of the compilation of the Qur'an and the significance of this text for Muslims. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that for the religious believer sacred texts should be obeyed without question. Justify your answer. [15]

