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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 8

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An Introduction to the Study of Islam

[AR181]

MONDAY 18 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 in allocating the available examination time.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Describe and explain the main features of worship in Islam. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that Islam could not survive without the mosque. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain the observance and significance of Salat for Muslims. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that without ritual, Islamic worship would be meaningless. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Give an account of Muhammad's life from his childhood to his call explaining how these experiences influenced him. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that a call experience is essential for religious leadership. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Describe and explain the compilation and structure of the Qur'an. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that the sacred text is the ultimate authority for religious believers. Justify your answer. [15]

