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Assessment Unit AS 8

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An Introduction to the Study of Islam

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MONDAY 24 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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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 Muhammad's career from the Hijra (migration) until the
conquest of Mecca.   [35]

(b) Explore the view that Muhammad was more successful as a prophet than a
military and political leader. Justify your answer.   [15]

2   **(a)** Explain the process of compilation of the Qur'an and the significance of the
language in which it was written.   [35]

(b) Comment on the claim that the Hadith and Sunnah provide essential guidance for
the Muslim community. Justify your answer.   [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

3   **(a)** Describe and explain how the Pillar of Salat is important for the Muslim.   [35]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that
religious buildings are not necessary for religious believers. Justify your answer. [15]

4   **(a)** Describe the festivals of Eid ul Fitr and Eid ul Adha and explain their significance
for the Muslim community.   [35]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that
festivals give religious believers a greater sense of identity than rituals.
Justify your answer.   [15]

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