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Assessment Unit AS 8

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An Introduction to the Study of Islam



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TUESDAY 23 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) Explain the importance of the Qur'an, Sunnah and Hadith for Muslims. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the existence of religious texts makes it easy to be a Muslim. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain the Pillars of Shahada (creed) and Salat (prayer) and their significance within Islam. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that in Islam deeds are more important than words. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain how the role of an Imam and the design of a mosque help Muslims to worship Allah. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that religious leaders are no longer treated with reverence and respect. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) With reference to Muhammad's life, explain how he was a prophet, preacher and leader. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that religious leaders should never get involved in politics. Justify your answer. [15]

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