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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 8

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Islam: Law, Tradition and Practice



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TUESDAY 2 JUNE, AFTERNOON

TIME

2 hours.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **two** questions from Section A and answer the compulsory question in Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.

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.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) With reference to relevant Surahs, outline and discuss the Qur'anic teaching on marriage and divorce. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that the Qur'an insists on the equality of men and women. [20]
- 2 (a) Define and discuss the term Shariah considering the importance of the Law Schools. [30]
- (b) "Shariah law continues to be relevant for all Muslims."
Critically evaluate this view. [20]
- 3 (a) Outline and examine the development, beliefs and practices of Sufi Muslims. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that Sufism was and continues to be extremely divisive for the Muslim community. [20]
- 4 (a) Analyse the teaching on Akirah (Last Days and Afterlife) and discuss its importance for an Islamic understanding of morality. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that the Qur'an presents Allah as a loving God. [20]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Orthodoxy

You **must** answer this question

- 5 (a)** With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, examine the contribution of some key people to orthodoxy. [30]
- (b)** Critically assess the view that orthodoxy is often regarded as more important than good moral and religious practice. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

