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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 8

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Islam: Law, Tradition and Practice



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TUESDAY 27 JUNE, MORNING

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)** “Fight for the cause of God against those who fight you, but do not transgress limits.”
With reference to this quotation, examine the teaching of the Qur’an on war. [30]
- (b)** Critically assess the claim that no religious believer should ever resort to violence. [20]
- 2 (a)** Analyse the contribution of the Law Schools in helping to define Sharia. [30]
- (b)** Critically evaluate the view that Sharia was more relevant to the time in which it was written. [20]
- 3 (a)** Analyse and discuss the key Islamic teachings on Tawhid (the nature of Allah). [30]
- (b)** “All Muslims are in agreement on the teaching of Akirah (Last Days and Afterlife).”
Critically assess this view. [20]
- 4 (a)** Outline and examine the distinctive teachings and practices of Sufism. [30]
- (b)** Critically evaluate the claim that Sufism has been the most serious cause of division within the Islamic faith. [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 some key ideas which relate to orthodoxy. [30]
- (b)** Critically assess the view that religious orthodoxy is impossible to achieve. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
