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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 6  
*assessing*  
An Introduction to Islam



SRE61

**[SRE61]**  
**THURSDAY 25 MAY, MORNING**

## 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 part question in allocating the available examination time.

## Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

**1 (a)** "For the Muslim, Hajj signifies both an outward and an inner spiritual pilgrimage."

With reference to this quotation, explain the rituals of Hajj and their importance for Muslims.

[25]

**(b)** Evaluate the view that it is easy to observe the Pillars in an Islamic country. Justify your answer.

[25]

**2 (a)** Examine the practice and significance of prayer for the individual Muslim and the wider Islamic community.

[25]

**(b)** Assess the claim that the mosque is more essential to the Islamic faith than the Imam. Justify your answer.

[25]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

3 (a) How do the significant events in Muhammad's life from the Hijra until his death show him to be a prophet and statesman? [25]

(b) "Religious and political leadership are often in opposition to one another."

With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on this claim. Justify your answer. [25]

4 (a) Explain the process of the compilation of the Qur'an by Muhammad and the Caliphs, considering the importance of the final structure that emerged. [25]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that it is difficult to preserve religious belief and identity in a secular age. Justify your answer. [25]

