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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 6
assessing
An Introduction to Islam



SRE61

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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]

