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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 6

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Islam in a Contemporary Context



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**MONDAY 11 JUNE, MORNING**

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## 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 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 part question in allocating the available examination time.

## Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1** (a) With reference to relevant Surahs, discuss what the Qur'an teaches about angels. [20]
- (b) Critically assess the view that the Articles of Faith present Allah only as a merciful God. [30]
- 2** (a) Analyse the distinctive features of Shia Islam. [20]
- (b) "Muhammad's death led to a major division in Islam which created a bitter and violent legacy."  
Critically evaluate this statement. [30]
- 3** (a) "Islam teaches dignity, respect and equal status for men and women."  
Present a case for this claim. [20]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that Islamic views on abortion and assisted conception reinforce the profound respect for women within Islam. [30]

## Section B

### Synoptic Assessment

#### Theme: Conflict, Freedom of Belief and Orthodoxy

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) With reference to **one** example, discuss how reformation and change permit religion to respond to challenge. You must support your answer with reference to at least one other unit of study. [20]
- (b) "Religion in the past has often been the source of conflict, but religion has also played an important part in resolving conflict."

Critically evaluate this statement. You must refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [30]

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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