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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 6  
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An Introduction to Islam



SRE61

**[SRE61]**  
**WEDNESDAY 23 MAY, MORNING**

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## 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) Describe the importance and impact of key people and events in the life of Muhammad until his call. [25]
  
- (b) Evaluate the view that Muhammad's call to be a prophet was the most significant moment of his life. Justify your answer. [25]
  
- 2 (a) With reference to examples from the Qur'an, discuss the content and style of the Surahs as they were revealed in Mecca and Medina. [25]
  
- (b) "The Islamic community could not survive without the Sunnah and Hadith." Assess this claim. Justify your answer. [25]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

**3 (a)** Explain how Islamic beliefs are seen in the practices of Zakat and Sawm. [25]

**(b)** With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that religious rituals give the believer a sense of identity. Justify your answer. [25]

**4 (a)** “The mosque is central to the Islamic faith.”

Examine this statement with particular reference to the design and use of the mosque. [25]

**(b)** With reference to other aspects of human experience, consider the view that religion requires other sources of authority beyond sacred texts. Justify your answer. [25]

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

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