



Rewarding Learning  
**ADVANCED**  
General Certificate of Education  
2019

---

# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 6  
*assessing*  
Islam in a Contemporary Context



ARE61

**[ARE61]**  
**TUESDAY 11 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 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)** Examine what the Qur'an teaches about the afterlife (Akirah). [20]

**(b)** "One Islamic view suggests that every human action is willed by Allah and the opposite view is that humans are in control of their actions."

With reference to this quotation, critically assess the Muslim belief in predestination. [30]

**2 (a)** "The Sunni/Shia split began with the death of Muhammad."

Present a case for this statement. [20]

**(b)** Critically evaluate the suggestion that succession and leadership in Islam are as contentious today as they were in the past. [30]

**3 (a)** Examine why the family is important in Islam. [20]

**(b)** "It is for good reason that euthanasia and suicide are strictly forbidden in Islam."

To what extent is this statement true? [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 a religious community can maintain faith. You must support your answer with reference to at least one other unit of study. [20]

- (b) “Freedom of belief is impossible within religious communities.”

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

