



General Certificate of Secondary Education  
2019

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# Religious Studies

Paper 8  
Islam



[GRE81]

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE, AFTERNOON

## TIME

1 hour 30 minutes.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

Answer **all** the questions in **Section A** in the spaces provided in this booklet **and two** from **three** questions in **Section B** on the lined pages at the end of this booklet.

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **Section B**

Questions **5(c)**, **6(c)** and **7(c)**, where **two** questions only are required to be completed.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

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Question Number	Marks
<b>Section A</b>	
1	
2	
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<b>Section B</b>	
5	
6	
7	
<b>Total Marks</b>	

















## Section B

Answer **two** from **three** questions.

Write on the pages provided at the end of the examination paper.

### 5 Sufi Islam

(a) Describe the central beliefs of Sufism. [5]

(b) Explain how the practices of Sufism aim to help Muslims to feel closer to God. [5]

(c) "Religious experience is the most important part of religion."

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to Islam in your answer. [10]

### 6 Death and the After-life

(a) Describe Muslim death and mourning rites. [5]

(b) Explain what Muslims believe about life after death and judgement. [5]

(c) "This life is a preparation for life after death."

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to Islam in your answer. [10]

### 7 Sharia Law

(a) Describe some of the ways in which Sharia Law covers all aspects of life. [5]

(b) Explain the relationship of the Prophet Muhammad to Sharia Law. [5]

(c) "Muslims should oppose capital punishment."

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to Islam in your answer. [10]

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