



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Religious Studies

RSS11

Unit L Islam 2 *The Life of the Prophet*

Thursday 26 May 2011 9.00 am to 10.15 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 8-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 15 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is RSS11.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- In each question, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **two** questions.

Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1 Jahiliyyah

0 1 Explain how the message brought by Muhammad challenged both the beliefs and the way of life of the people of Makkah. (30 marks)

and

0 2 'Muhammad totally rejected the beliefs and values of his day.'
How far do you agree? (15 marks)

Question 2 Makkah 610–622 CE

0 3 Examine the development of Islam in Makkah between 610 and 622 CE. (30 marks)

and

0 4 'Muhammad had achieved almost nothing by the time he left Makkah in 622 CE.'
Assess this view. (15 marks)

Question 3 Madinah 622–632 CE

0 5 Analyse the role of the Prophet between 622 and 632 CE. (30 marks)

and

0 6 'Muhammad was successful between 622 and 632 CE only because he was a strong military leader.'
Assess this view. (15 marks)

Question 4 The death of the Prophet and after

0 7 Examine the election, role and status of the Caliph after the death of Muhammad. (30 marks)

and

0 8 'After Muhammad's death, the Umma became a political community rather than a spiritual community.'
Assess this view. (15 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS