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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

**ISLAMIC RELIGION AND CULTURE**

**2056/01**

Paper 1

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**2 hours 30 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.  
Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.  
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.  
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **five** questions in total.

Choose any **two** questions from Part I and any **two** questions from Part II and **one** other question from either Part I or Part II.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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Choose any **two** questions from Part 1 and any **two** questions from Part II, and **one** question from either Part I or Part II.

**Part I**

- 1 (a) Describe the religious beliefs and practices of the Arabs in the Hijaz before Muhammad began his preaching. [10]  
(b) How did these beliefs and practices change as a result of Muhammad's preaching? [10]
- 2 (a) Write an account of Muhammad's early life before the revelation at Hira. [10]  
(b) How did Muhammad's early life prepare him for his years as prophet? [10]
- 3 (a) What difficulties did Muhammad and the Muslims meet in Mecca before the Hijra? [10]  
(b) Why was Muhammad more successful in Medina? [10]
- 4 (a) What were the main points made by Muhammad in his farewell address? [10]  
(b) Assess the political and religious success Muhammad achieved by this time. [10]
- 5 (a) Describe the main successes of the Caliphate of Umar (634–644). [10]  
(b) Why was Islam so successful during this period? [10]
- 6 (a) What problems did Ali face during his caliphate? [10]  
(b) How successful was he in responding to these problems? [10]

## Part II

- 7 (a) Give a brief description of the articles of faith in Islam. [10]  
(b) According to Islam, what is the importance of holy books? [10]
- 8 (a) What does Islam teach about zakat? [10]  
(b) How does zakat benefit individual Muslims and the whole Muslim community? [10]
- 9 (a) Describe a typical Muslim marriage ceremony in your country. [10]  
(b) Explain the religious significance of the main parts of the ceremony. [10]
- 10 (a) What are the teachings in the set Hadith on tolerance, evil and forgiveness? [10]  
(b) Suggest **three** present-day situations in which Muslims could apply these teachings. [10]
- 11 (a) What does Sura Zilzal say about the end of the world? [10]  
(b) How might a strong belief in the Last Judgement affect a person's life? [10]
- 12 (a) Describe the day in which the Quran was first revealed to Muhammad. [10]  
(b) If Muslims have the Quran, why do they need the Hadith? [10]

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