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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

**ISLAMIC RELIGION AND CULTURE**

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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.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **five** questions.

Choose any **two** questions from Part 1 and any **two** questions from Part 2 and **one** other question from either Part 1 or Part 2.

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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Answer **five** questions in total.

Choose any **two** questions from Part 1 and any **two** questions from Part 2, and **one** other question from either Part 1 or Part 2.

### Part 1

- 1 (a) Outline the religious beliefs and practices of the Arabs during the Age of Ignorance [*jahiliyya*]. [10]
- (b) Which of these beliefs do you think Prophet Muhammad adapted and included in Islam? [10]
- 2 (a) What was the importance of
- (i) Halimah **and**
- (ii) Khadijah in the life of Prophet Muhammad? [10]
- (b) How appropriate were the titles *as-Sadiq* [the Truthful] and *al-Amin* [the Trustworthy] that were given to him before the coming of Islam? [10]
- 3 (a) Describe the opposition faced by Prophet Muhammad and the early Muslims in Mecca. [10]
- (b) What lessons do Muslims learn from Prophet Muhammad's behaviour and attitude during those times of difficulty? [10]
- 4 (a) Describe
- (i) the causes that led to the battle of Badr **and**
- (ii) explain what happened during the battle. [10]
- (b) Why was Badr a significant turning point for the Muslims? [10]
- 5 (a) Explain the relationship of brotherhood that the Prophet encouraged between the Muslims of Medina [*ansar*] and the emigrants from Mecca [*muhajirun*]. [10]
- (b) What changes occurred in the life of Muslims after they settled in Medina? [10]
- 6 (a) Describe what happened on the day Umar accepted Islam. [10]
- (b) What would you consider were the main achievements of Umar's Caliphate? [10]

## Part 2

- 7 (a) Describe what you know about the contents of the Qur'an. [10]  
(b) Explain the significance of the Qur'an for Muslims. [10]
- 8 (a) Give  
(i) the background **and**  
(ii) the main teachings of Sura Ikhlas [Sura 112]. [10]  
(b) Explain how belief in Allah affects the life of a Muslim. [10]
- 9 (a) Relate the events following the birth of Prophet Musa as told in the Qur'an. [10]  
(b) Why is it important for Muslims to believe in prophets? [10]
- 10 (a) Describe how Muslims perform the ritual of preparing for prayer. [10]  
(b) Why is prayer [*salat*] considered the foundation of religion? [10]
- 11 (a) Describe the ceremonies that follow the birth of a baby in a Muslim family. [10]  
(b) To what extent is the mosque a focal point in the lives of Muslims? [10]
- 12 (a) In the Hadith you have studied what did the Prophet say **and** mean when he spoke about  
(i) tolerance **and**  
(ii) evil? [10]  
(b) Why is it important to follow the Hadith and *sunnah* of the Prophet? [10]

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