



GCE AS/A LEVEL – NEW

2120UB0-1



RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 1
Option B
An Introduction to the Study of Islam

THURSDAY, 17 MAY 2018 – MORNING

1 hour 15 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer booklet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 30 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each part-question.

You are reminded of the need to:

- reflect on, select and apply specified knowledge.
- understand, interpret and evaluate critically religious concepts, texts and other sources.
- identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this unit.
- construct well informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.
- engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.
- present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.
- use specialist language and terminology appropriately.
- use spelling, punctuation and grammar appropriately.

UNIT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion
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Part (a) of each question tests your knowledge and understanding of religion and belief.
 Part (b) of each question tests your skills of analysis and evaluation, with regards to aspects of and approaches to religion and belief.

Section A

Answer one question from this section.

Either,

1. (a) Explain how the basic tenets of Islam were established by Muhammad in Madinah following the Hijrah (migration). [15]
- (b) ‘The community in Madinah can no longer be the model for Islam today.’
 Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

2. (a) Explain why the term jahiliyya (ignorance) is used to describe life at the time of Muhammad. [15]
- (b) ‘The nature of Muhammad’s message to the Makkans meant that it would fail.’
 Evaluate this view. [15]

Section B

Answer one question from this section.

Either,

3. (a) Explain Islamic teachings about akhirah (Day of Final Judgement). [15]
- (b) ‘Muslims should never live in fear of Final Judgement.’
 Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

4. (a) Explain how **three** of the five categories of action can help guide a Muslim during life. [15]
- (b) ‘The five categories of action provide complete guidance for Muslims today.’
 Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

5. (a) Outline the importance of the functions of the first masjid (mosque) in Madinah. [15]
- (b) ‘Masjids today in no way reflect the first masjid in Madinah.’
 Evaluate this view. [15]

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