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Afternoon (Time: 2 hours)

Paper reference **9RS0/4D**

Religious Studies

Advanced

PAPER 4: Study of Religion

Option 4D: Islam

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are **three** sections in this question paper. Answer **all** the questions in each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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1 Explore key features of the ummah as an expression of Islamic identity.

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2 Assess the importance of Zakat as an Islamic practice.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS



SECTION B

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Read the following passage before answering the questions.

Even though for a good part of this century liberals and feminists in many Muslim societies have persistently mounted attempts to introduce reforms, the laws developed in highly misogynist societies in the first three or four centuries of Islam continue to govern the relations between men and women.

In the context of the contemporary structure of global power, then, we need a feminism that is vigilantly self-critical and aware of its historical and political situatedness... Muslim women need to reject the androcentrism of whatever culture or tradition in which they find themselves, but that is quite different from saying they need to adopt Western customs, goals, and life-styles.

Perhaps feminism could formulate criteria for exploring issues of women in other cultures, including Islamic societies – criteria that would undercut even inadvertent complicity in serving Western interests but that, at the same time, would neither set limits on the freedom to question and explore nor in any way compromise feminism's passionate commitment to the realization of societies that enable women to pursue without impediment the full development of their capacities and to contribute to their societies in all domains.

(Source: extract adapted from Women and Gender in Islam, Ahmed, L., Edexcel Anthology)

- 3** (a) Clarify the ideas about feminism in Islam illustrated in this passage.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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(b) Analyse the understanding of gender roles within Islam.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS



SECTION C

Write your answer in the space provided.

- 4** Evaluate the claim that Sufism is regarded as a separate tradition within Islam.

In your response to this question, you must include how developments in Islam have been influenced by **one** of the following:

- Philosophy of Religion
- Religion and Ethics
- New Testament Studies.

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