



**GCE AS/A LEVEL**

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**FRIDAY, 17 MAY 2024 – MORNING**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 1**

**Option B**

**An Introduction to the Study of Islam**

**1 hour 15 minutes**

### **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use gel pen or correction fluid.

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided, following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

Use both sides of the paper. Write only within the white areas of the booklet.

Write the question number in the two boxes in the left-hand margin at the start of each answer,

for example 

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Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

### **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 critically evaluate 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

### Option B – An Introduction to the Study of Islam

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,**

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- a) Examine the significance of the Night of Power for the development of Islam in Makkah. [15]
- b) 'Muhammad became a complete leader in Madinah.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

**Or,**

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- a) Explain ways in which the Qur'an is understood as a source of wisdom in Islam. [15]
- b) 'Any translation of the Qur'an inevitably leads to inaccuracies.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

**Section B**

Answer **one** question from this section.

**Either,**

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- a) Explain the significance of Hajj for Muslims. [15]
- b) 'It is the individual Muslim and not the Muslim community that gains most from Hajj.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

**Or,**

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- a) Outline teachings in Islam about Akhirah (the Day of Final Judgement). [15]
- b) 'A good Muslim need not fear Akhirah.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

**Or,**

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- a) Examine the role of the masjid (mosque) in Islam. [15]
- b) 'The ideal masjid is a simple place for prayers.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

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