



GCE AS/A LEVEL

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FRIDAY, 19 MAY 2023 – 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,

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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 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

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,

0	1	a) Examine the concept of tawhid (oneness) with reference to Allah.	[15]
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		b) 'The Islamic concept of Allah is totally coherent.' Evaluate this view.	[15]
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Or,

0	2	a) Examine Muslim beliefs about nabi (prophets) within Islam.	[15]
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		b) 'Muhammad was the ideal prophet.' Evaluate this view.	[15]
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Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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- a) Explain the social importance of Id-ul-Fitr for the Muslim community. [15]
- b) 'Fasting in Islam benefits the individual far more than the community.'
Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

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- a) Explain reasons why giving is important in Islam. [15]
- b) 'Supporting the poor is essential within Islam.'
Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

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- a) Outline Muhammad's role as a religious, moral, political and military leader in Madinah. [15]
- b) 'The establishment of the first masjid was the most important factor in the development of Islam in Madinah.'
Evaluate this view. [15]

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