



**GCE AS**

B120UB0-1



**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS component 1**  
**Option B: An Introduction to Islam**

THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2019 – MORNING

1 hour 30 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 50 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 component.
- 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.

## COMPONENT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion

### Option B – An Introduction to 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,**

1. (a) Outline different religious and social roles of masjids (mosques) for Muslims. [25]
- (b) 'Masjids today have little in common with the first masjid in Madinah.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

**Or,**

2. (a) Explain different traditions that occur on the day of Id-ul-Fitr. [25]
- (b) 'The main function of Id-ul-Fitr is as a social occasion.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

#### Section B

*Answer one question from this section.*

**Either,**

3. (a) Explain the importance of the Qur'an as a source of authority for Muslims. [25]
- (b) 'The Qur'an was a message for its own time.'  
Evaluate this view with reference to Islam. [25]

**Or,**

4. (a) Explain the role of the shahadah when converting to Islam. [25]
- (b) 'Having personal faith in the beliefs stated in the shahadah is all that matters.'  
Evaluate this view with reference to Islam. [25]

**Or,**

5. (a) Explain the significance of Muhammad's political and military leadership in Madinah for the development of Islam. [25]
- (b) 'The ideal model for Islam was established in Madinah.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

**END OF PAPER**