



GCE A LEVEL – **NEW**

A120UB0-1



RELIGIOUS STUDIES – A level component 1
A Study of Religion

Option B: ISLAM

TUESDAY, 5 JUNE 2018 – MORNING

2 hours

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.
- account for the influence of social; religious and historical factors on the developments in the study of religions and belief.
- identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this component, including the views of scholars and academics.
- identify and analyse the nature of connections between the components you have studied.
- construct well informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.
- present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.
- engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.
- use specialist language and terminology appropriately.

Component 1 – A Study of Religion

Option B – A 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,

1. (a) Examine the Muslim concept of tawhid (oneness). [20]
- (b) ‘The Islamic concept of God is not coherent.’
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

2. (a) Examine Muslim beliefs about nabi (prophets) and rasul (messenger). [20]
- (b) ‘Prophet Muhammad was the perfect prophet.’
Evaluate this view with reference to Islam. [30]

Section B

Answer one question from this section.

Either,

3. (a) Examine Muslim teachings about jihad (struggle). [20]
- (b) ‘Jihad is misunderstood in today’s world.’
Evaluate this view with reference to Islam. [30]

Or,

4. (a) Examine how the festival of Ashura shapes Muslim religious identity. [20]
- (b) ‘The focus on suffering during Ashura misrepresents Shi’a identity.’
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

5. (a) Examine the challenges of being a Muslim in Britain today. [20]
- (b) ‘The Muslim family is at the heart of the Islamic religion.’
Evaluate this view. [30]

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