



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Religious Studies

RSS11

Unit L *Islam 2 The Life of the Prophet*

Thursday 15 January 2009 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 15 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is RSS11.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- In each question, part (a) tests your knowledge and understanding, while part (b) tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Examine the social situation in Arabia at the time of Muhammad. *(30 marks)*
- (b) To what extent was the message of Muhammad simply a reaction to the existing social situation? *(15 marks)*
- 2 (a) Explain **both** how Muhammad was called to Prophethood **and** how he reacted to that call. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘Muhammad’s claim to be a Prophet was rejected by the people of Makkah.’
To what extent is this true? *(15 marks)*
- 3 (a) Examine the role of the Prophet in Madinah. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘Muhammad’s most important role in Madinah was as a military leader.’
Assess this view. *(15 marks)*
- 4 (a) Examine the nature of the Umma at the time of the Prophet’s death. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘After Muhammad’s death, the Umma became solely a spiritual community.’
Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS