



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Religious Studies

RSS11

Unit L Islam 2 *The Life of the Prophet*

Specimen paper for examinations in June 2010 onwards

This question paper uses the new numbering system and new AQA answer book

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 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, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part 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.

Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1 Jahiliyyah

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 Explain the importance of Makkah at the time of jahiliyyah. (30 marks)

AND

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 'The fact that Muhammad was born in Makkah was vital for the success of Islam.'
Assess this view. (15 marks)

Question 2 Makkah 610–622CE

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 Examine the main themes of the Prophet's teaching in Makkah. (30 marks)

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 Assess the view that Muhammad's most important role in Makkah was that of a 'Warner'. (15 marks)

Question 3 Madinah 622–632CE

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 Explain the nature of the Umma in Madinah. (30 marks)

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 'The Madinan Umma of Muhammad's time still has a vital role for Muslims today.'
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

Question 4 The death of the Prophet and after

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 'After the death of Muhammad, the Umma identified a new leader.'

Outline how a new leader was identified, and explain the differing views of this process found in Sunni and Shi'a Islam. (30 marks)

AND

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 Assess the view that Islam has never recovered from the crisis caused by Muhammad's death. (15 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS