



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## Religious Studies

## RSS11

Unit L Islam 2 *The Life of the Prophet*

Wednesday 12 January 2011 9.00 am to 10.15 am

**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.

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Answer **two** questions.

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

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**Question 1 Jahiliyyah**

**0 1** Examine the social and religious situation in Makkah at the time of Jahiliyyah. (30 marks)

and

**0 2** 'The fact that Muhammad was born in Makkah helped the development of Islam.'

Assess this view. (15 marks)

**Question 2 Makkah 610–622 CE**

**0 3** Examine the reasons why Muhammad left Makkah and went to Madinah in 622 CE. (30 marks)

and

**0 4** Assess the view that the only reason Muhammad was rejected at Makkah was because of his religious beliefs. (15 marks)

**Question 3 Madinah 622–632 CE**

**0 5** Examine the events after 622 CE that led up to the conquest of Makkah in 630 CE. (30 marks)

and

**0 6** 'Makkah was always more important to Muhammad than Madinah.'

Consider how far you agree. (15 marks)

**Question 4 The death of the Prophet and after**

**0 7** Outline the immediate consequences of Muhammad's death and explain how the Umma responded to them. (30 marks)

and

**0 8** 'Muslims today do not need to know much about the life of the Prophet because they have the Qur'an.'

Assess this view. (15 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**