



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Religious Studies

RSS11

Unit L Islam 2 *The Life of the Prophet*

Wednesday 16 May 2012 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.

Answer **two** questions.

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

Question 1 Jahiliyyah

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Explain:

- Makkah's importance as a religious and trading centre before Muhammad began his work
- the social situation in Makkah before Muhammad began his work. *(30 marks)*

and

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'Muhammad was successful because he was born in Makkah.'

How far do you agree?

(15 marks)

Question 2 Makkah 610–622 CE

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Examine the main themes of the Prophet's teaching between 610 and 622 CE.

(30 marks)

and

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How far do you agree that Muhammad's most important message in Makkah was 'judgement is coming'?

(15 marks)

Question 3 Madinah 622–632 CE

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Examine the nature of the Umma between 622 and 632 CE in Madinah and elsewhere.

(30 marks)

and

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'Between 622 and 632 CE the Umma was nothing more than a political community.'

Assess this view.

(15 marks)

Question 4 The death of the Prophet and after

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Explain how and why Shi'a Islam developed.

(30 marks)

and

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'The divisions in the Umma after Muhammad's death strengthened rather than weakened the Muslim community.'

Assess this view.

(15 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS