



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Religious Studies

RSS11

Unit L Islam 2 The Life of the Prophet

Thursday 14 May 2015 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 **Paper Reference** is RSS11.
- Answer **two** questions.
Each question has **two** parts.
- 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. 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

0 1 Examine each of the following:

- The tribal / clan system
- The tradition of the ancestors
- Bedouin polytheism.

[30 marks]

and

0 2 'Islam rejected the beliefs of the age of Jahiliyyah.'

How far do you agree?

[15 marks]

Question 2 Makkah 610–622 CE

0 3 Examine the role of Muhammad in Makkah between 610 and 622 CE.

[30 marks]

and

0 4 'Muhammad's work in Makkah between 610 and 622 CE has little importance for Muslims today.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]

Question 3 Madinah 622–632 CE

0 5 Explain **both** why Muhammad conquered Makkah in 630 CE **and** the significance of this event for the development of Islam.

[30 marks]

and

0 6 'Muhammad's most important role between 622 and 632 CE was as a military leader.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]

Question 4 The death of the Prophet, the emergence of the Caliphate and of the Sunni / Shi'a divide

0 7 Explain the development of Shi'a Islam after the death of Muhammad.

[30 marks]

and

0 8 'Islam has never recovered from the crisis caused by Muhammad's death.'

Consider how far this is true.

[15 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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