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## Religious Studies

### Assessment Unit AS 8

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An Introduction to the Study of Islam

[AR181]

THURSDAY 18 JUNE, MORNING

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#### TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Candidate Number and Centre Number on the Answer Booklet provided.  
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** from Section B.

#### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.  
Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.  
Figures in brackets down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

#### ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

You are advised to take account of the marks for each question or part question.

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## Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Explain the process by which the Qur'an was revealed, recorded and compiled. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the Qur'an provides all the necessary guidance for the religious and moral life of the Muslim. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Describe the design and significance of the mosque for the Muslim. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that Imams are essential for Muslim worship and community life. Justify your answer. [15]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Give an account of the key events of the prophet Muhammad's life from 'The Night of Power' until his death. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that leaders often experience suffering and rejection. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Explain the importance of the pillars of Zakat (giving) and Sawm (fasting). [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the relevance of such practices for religious believers. Justify your answer. [15]

