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An Introduction to the Study of Islam

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MONDAY 21 JUNE, AFTERNOON



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TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question 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 printed 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 in allocating the available examination time.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Describe the process of the compilation and structure of the Qur'an. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the language of the Qur'an poses many difficulties for worshippers. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain the importance of the pillars of prayer (Salat) and almsgiving (Zakat). [35]
- (b) Explore the view that in Islam duty is divided equally between Allah and the community (ummah). Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain how the design of a mosque and the role of an Iman help Muslims to worship Allah. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that in a secular age religious leaders are less important. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Give an account of the key events in the life of the prophet Muhammad from his childhood to the move to Medina (Hijra). [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the significance of call experiences for religious believers. Justify your answer. [15]

