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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 8

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Islam: Law, Tradition and Practice



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**TUESDAY 2 JUNE, AFTERNOON**

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## TIME

2 hours.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.  
Answer **two** questions from Section A and answer the compulsory question in Section B.

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.

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.

## Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) With reference to relevant Surahs, outline and discuss the Qur'anic teaching on marriage and divorce. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that the Qur'an insists on the equality of men and women. [20]
- 2 (a) Define and discuss the term Shariah considering the importance of the Law Schools. [30]
- (b) "Shariah law continues to be relevant for all Muslims."  
Critically evaluate this view. [20]
- 3 (a) Outline and examine the development, beliefs and practices of Sufi Muslims. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that Sufism was and continues to be extremely divisive for the Muslim community. [20]
- 4 (a) Analyse the teaching on Akirah (Last Days and Afterlife) and discuss its importance for an Islamic understanding of morality. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that the Qur'an presents Allah as a loving God. [20]

## Section B

### Synoptic Assessment

#### Theme: Orthodoxy

You **must** answer this question

- 5 (a) With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, examine the contribution of some key people to orthodoxy. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that orthodoxy is often regarded as more important than good moral and religious practice. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

