



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Religious Studies

RSS11

Unit L Islam 2 *The Life of the Prophet*

Wednesday 13 January 2010 9.00 am to 10.15 am

For this paper you must have:

- an 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, part (a) tests your knowledge and understanding, while part (b) 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.

- 1 (a) Examine what is meant by jahiliyyah. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘The age of jahiliyyah ended with the coming of the Qur’an.’
- How far do you agree? *(15 marks)*
- 2 (a) Explain how and why Muhammad was opposed in Makkah. *(30 marks)*
- (b) Assess the view that Muhammad’s years in Makkah between 610 and 622 CE were years of failure. *(15 marks)*
- 3 (a) Give an account of the emergence of the Umma in Madinah and elsewhere between 622 and 632 CE. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘Between 622 and 632 CE, the Umma was only a spiritual community.’
- Assess this view. *(15 marks)*
- 4 (a) Explain what the Prophet had achieved by the time of his death in 632 CE. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘The life of Muhammad is still extremely important for Muslims today.’
- Assess this view. *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS