



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## Religious Studies

## RSS11

Unit L Islam 2 *The Life of the Prophet*

Tuesday 17 January 2012 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 **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, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while 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.

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Answer **two** questions.

Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

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**Question 1 Jahiliyyah**

**0 1** Examine the concept of jahiliyyah. (30 marks)

**and**

**0 2** 'The concept of jahiliyyah has little importance for Muslims today.'  
How far do you agree? (15 marks)

**Question 2 Makkah 610–622 CE**

**0 3** Outline Muhammad's call to Prophethood, and explain his role in Makkah between 610 and 622 CE. (30 marks)

**and**

**0 4** 'Muhammad's call experience made it impossible for people to take him seriously.'  
Assess this view. (15 marks)

**Question 3 Madinah 622–632 CE**

**0 5** Explain how the Hijrah in 622 CE gave the emigrants both new opportunities and new challenges. (30 marks)

**and**

**0 6** 'The Hijrah has little significance for Muslims today.'  
How far do you agree? (15 marks)

**Question 4 The death of the Prophet and after**

**0 7** Examine the nature of the Umma at the time of the death of Muhammad. (30 marks)

**and**

**0 8** 'The Umma was destroyed by the death of Muhammad.'  
How far do you agree? (15 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**