

Religious Studies

RSS11

Unit L Islam 2 The Life of the Prophet

Wednesday 16 May 2012 9.00 am to 10.15 am

For	this	paper	you	must	have:
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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.

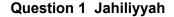
Information

- 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.



0 1 Explain:

- Makkah's importance as a religious and trading centre before Muhammad began his work
- the social situation in Makkah before Muhammad began his work. (30 marks)

and

0 2 'Muhammad was successful because he was born in Makkah.'

How far do you agree?

(15 marks)

Question 2 Makkah 610-622 CE

0 3 Examine the main themes of the Prophet's teaching between 610 and 622 CE.

(30 marks)

and

0 4 How far do you agree that Muhammad's most important message in Makkah was 'judgement is coming'? (15 marks)

Question 3 Madinah 622-632 CE

0 5 Examine the nature of the Umma between 622 and 632 CE in Madinah and elsewhere. (30 marks)

and

0 6 'Between 622 and 632 CE the Umma was nothing more than a political community.'

Assess this view. (15 marks)

Question 4 The death of the Prophet and after

0 7 Explain how and why Shi'a Islam developed. (30 marks)

and

0 8 'The divisions in the Umma after Muhammad's death strengthened rather than weakened the Muslim community.'

Assess this view. (15 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS