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Module 8: Islam: A Study of
History, Faith and Worship

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FRIDAY 29 MAY, MORNING



TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **two** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 90.
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.

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- 1 (a) Discuss the Islamic understanding of the concept of “prophet” with particular reference to Abraham and Muhammad. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that the prophet Muhammad is the only source of authority within the Islamic faith. [15]
- 2 (a) Discuss the rituals that are connected with birth and death in Islam. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that rites of passage are of much greater importance to the community (ummah) than to the individual. [15]
- 3 (a) Discuss the central beliefs and practices of Sufism. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that Sufism was the greatest source of division within the Muslim faith. [15]
- 4 (a) Discuss the Qur’anic teaching on marriage and women. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that obedience to the Qur’an is increasingly difficult in the modern world. [15]

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