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## Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 8

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An Introduction to the Study of Islam

**MV18**

[AR181]

**TUESDAY 23 JUNE, AFTERNOON**

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### **TIME**

1 hour 20 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

### **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

Figures in brackets printed at the end of each question 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 **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a)** Explain the importance of the Qur'an, Sunnah and Hadith for Muslims. [35 marks]
  
  - (b)** Comment on the claim that the existence of religious texts makes it easy to be a Muslim. Justify your answer. [15 marks]
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- 2 (a)** Explain the Pillars of Shahada (creed) and Salat (prayer) and their significance within Islam. [35 marks]
  
  - (b)** Explore the view that in Islam deeds are more important than words. Justify your answer. [15 marks]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a)** Explain how the role of an Imam and the design of a mosque help Muslims to worship Allah. [35 marks]
- (b)** With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that religious leaders are no longer treated with reverence and respect. Justify your answer. [15 marks]
- 4 (a)** With reference to Muhammad's life, explain how he was a prophet, preacher and leader. [35 marks]
- (b)** With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that religious leaders should never get involved in politics. Justify your answer. [15 marks]







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