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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 8

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An Introduction to the Study of Islam



[AR181]

**TUESDAY 23 JUNE, AFTERNOON**

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## TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

## 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 down the right-hand side of pages 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.

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## Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

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

## 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]
- (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]
- 4 (a) With reference to Muhammad's life, explain how he was a prophet, preacher and leader. [35]
- (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]

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