

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

Islam

**G578**

Candidates answer on the answer booklet.

**OCR supplied materials:**

- 8 page answer booklet  
(sent with general stationery)

**Other materials required:**

- None

**Wednesday 12 January 2011  
Morning**

**Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** questions.
- If you use extra sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the Answer Booklet.
- Write the number of each question attempted in the grid on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **70**.
- This document consists of **2** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Explain the main features of the social and religious background of Pre-Islamic Arabia. [25]  
 (b) To what extent was Muhammad ﷺ a statesman as well as a prophet? [10]
- 2 (a) Explain how sawm might strengthen The Ummah. [25]  
 (b) 'Sawm is more about an individual's relationship with Allah than about being part of The Ummah.' Discuss. [10]
- 3 (a) Explain the practical and theological considerations when adapting a building for use as a mosque. [25]  
 (b) 'The mosque is central to all aspects of Muslim life.' Discuss. [10]
- 4 (a) Explain why the Qur'an has absolute authority for Muslims. [25]  
 (b) 'It does not matter if a Surah was revealed in Makkah or in al-Madinah.' Discuss. [10]

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