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Religious Studies (Specification A)   405008
Religious Studies (Specification A) (Short Course)

Unit 8   Islam

Monday 24 May 2010   9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:
● an insert containing Part B questions (enclosed).

Time allowed
● 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions
● Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
● Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
● Answer **five** questions.
  Part A Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided in this booklet.
  Part B Answer **either** Question B5 **or** Question B6. Write your answer to **either** Question
      B5 or Question **B6** on pages 10 to 16 of this booklet.
● You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do **not** write outside the box around each
  page or on blank pages.
● Do all rough work in this booklet. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.
● If you use any additional sheets, tie them securely to the back of the booklet.
● Do **not** write on the insert. Any work on the insert will **not** be marked.
● Do **not** place the insert into the answer booklet at the end of the examination.

Information
● The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
● The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
● You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use
  specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Part A

Answer **all** questions in this part in the spaces provided.

A1   **The Mosque**

Look at the drawings below, which show features of a mosque.

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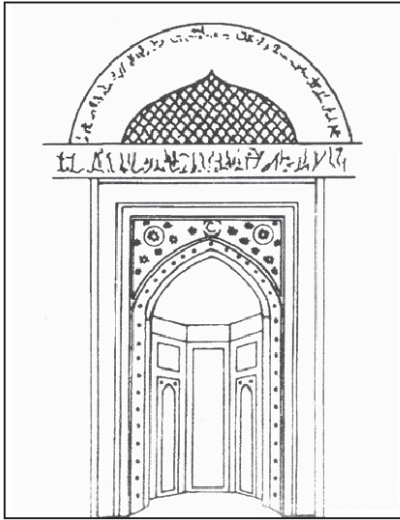
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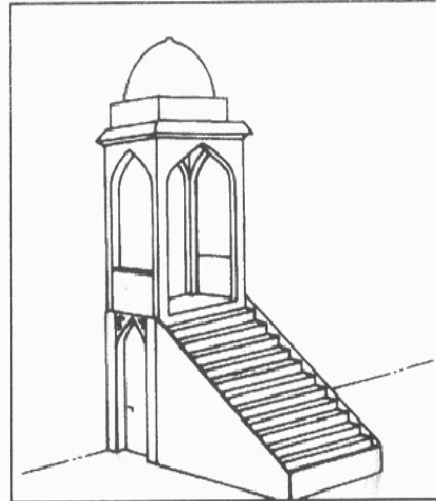
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A1 (a)   Name each feature and explain its purpose.

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(4 marks)

A1 (b)   Explain the role of the Madrassah.

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A1 (c)   'The main purpose of the mosque is to educate.'

What do you think? Explain your opinion.

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(3 marks)

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A2   **Sources of Authority**

Look at the photograph below, which shows a woman reading the Qur'an.

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A2 (a) (i)   In what language is the Qur'an written?

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(1 mark)

A2 (a) (ii)   Explain briefly why Muslims believe that it was necessary for Allah to give the Qur'an.

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(2 marks)

A2 (b)   'For Muslims today, the words and actions of Muhammad are more useful than Shari'ah law.'

What do you think? Explain your opinion.

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A2 (c)   'The writings in the Qur'an are too old to have any meaning in the 21st century.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view.

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A3 **The Hajj**

Look at the diagram below, which shows the route taken by pilgrims.
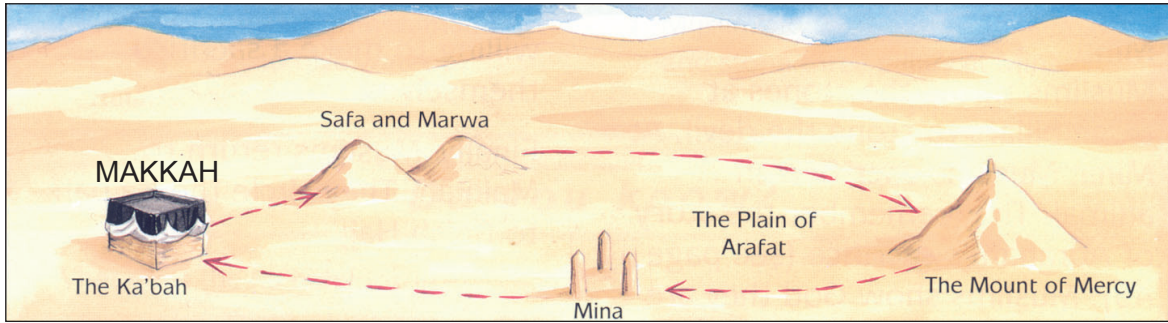
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A3 (a) Explain the importance of Makkah for Muslims.

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A3 (b)   Describe what pilgrims do at Arafat **and** Mina.

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A3 (c)   'Hajj is the most important event in a Muslim's life.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view.

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A4 **Personal Lifestyle**

Look at the photograph below, which shows Muslim women.

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A4 (a) Explain Muslim teaching about modesty.

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A4 (b) Explain the Muslim concept of ummah.

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A4 (c)   'Food and clothing have nothing to do with religion.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Islam in your answer.

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Part B

Answer **either** Question **B5 or** Question **B6**, which are printed on the insert.

Write your answer to the question you have chosen **on pages 10 to 16**.

Write the question number at the start of each part of your answer, e.g. **B5(a)**.

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