Religious Studies A
Paper 1: Area of Study 1 - Study of Religion
Option 1C - Islam

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
  – *there may be more space than you need*.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 102.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
  – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
  – *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the use of specialist terminology.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Question 1: Beliefs

1   (a) Outline **three** ways Allah is described in the Qur'an.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why the belief in al-Qadr is important for Muslims.

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(c) Explain **two** reasons why Islamic holy books are important for Muslims.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.

*(d) "Beliefs are more important than actions."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:
- refer to Muslim teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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(Total for Question 1 = 27 marks)

Question 2: Practices

2 (a) Outline **three** of the Obligatory Acts of Shi'a Islam.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why Zakah is important for Muslims.

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(c) Explain **two** reasons why fasting is important to Muslims.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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(d) "Salah is the most important of the Five Pillars."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:
• refer to Muslim teachings
• reach a justified conclusion.

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(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)

Question 3: Sources of Wisdom and Authority

3 (a) Outline **three** of the sources of Shari'ah law.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why the Imam is important in Shi'a Islam.

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(c) Explain **two** reasons why the Prophet Muhammad is important to Muslims.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.

*(d) "The Qur'an is the only true source of teaching and guidance."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:
• refer to Muslim teachings
• refer to different Muslim points of view
• reach a justified conclusion.

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(Total for Question 3 = 27 marks)

Question 4: Forms of Expression and Ways of Life

4 (a) Outline **three** features of a mosque.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why the teacher is important in Sufi Islam.

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(c) Explain **two** reasons why the laws of halal and haram are important for Muslims.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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(d) "All forms of decoration in the mosque help Muslims to worship Allah."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:
- refer to Muslim teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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