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General Certificate of Secondary Education

RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (WORLD RELIGIONS) (SHORT COURSE) 2396/1
PAPER 6 – Islam

Specimen Paper 2003

Additional materials: Answer paper
Candidates answer on separate answer paper provided.

TIME 1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Answer Question 1 and **one** other question.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, on the answer paper provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

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 43.
- You will be awarded up to 3 marks in Question 1 for the quality of written communication.

Answer question 1 and **one** other question.

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Breaking the fast after Ramadan

- (a) Describe how Muslims keep Ramadan. [8]
- (b) Explain how celebrating Id-ul-Fitr might strengthen the Muslim community. [7]
- (c) 'Fasts are more important than festivals for true believers.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [5]

- 2 (a) Describe a mosque and its features. [8]
- (b) Explain the importance for Muslims of Salat-ul-Jumu'ah prayers on Fridays. [7]
- (c) 'There is no need to go to a special building; you can pray to God anywhere.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [5]

- 3 (a) Describe how the body of a Muslim is prepared for burial. [8]
- (b) Explain how beliefs about life after death might affect the way Muslims live. [7]
- (c) 'Life is too short to spend time thinking about death.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [5]

- 4 (a) Describe Muslim teaching about how Muhammad ﷺ was given messages from Allah. [8]
- (b) Explain why family life is important for Muslims. [7]
- (c) 'It is good for children to be brought up to follow their religion from a young age.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [5]