

Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations
General Certificate of Secondary Education

RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (WORLD RELIGIONS)
PAPER 6 - Islam

2306/1

Specimen Paper 2003

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

TIME 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Answer Question 1 and **two** other questions.
- 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 64.
- You will be awarded up to 4 marks in Question 1 for the quality of written communication.

Answer Question 1 and **two** other questions.

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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]

'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 Muslims prepare for Hajj. [8]
- (b) Explain the importance of zakah for Muslims. [7]
- (c) 'The Hajj unites Muslims more than any other of the Five Pillars.'

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

- 4 (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]

- 5 (a) Describe how Muhammad ﷺ was called to be the Prophet of Islam. [8]
- (b) Explain how some Muslims use the Qur'an and Hadith in their daily lives. [7]
- (c) 'Reading holy books is the best way to find out what God wants.'

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]

