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**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS
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B577

RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (World Religion(s))

**Islam 1 (Beliefs, Special Days, Divisions
and Interpretations)**

THURSDAY 9 JUNE 2011: Afternoon

DURATION: 1 hour

SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES

Candidates answer on the question paper.

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

None

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- **Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes on the first page. 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 any TWO questions; you must answer all parts (a–e) of the two questions that you choose.**
- **Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.**

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 48.**
- **Quality of written communication is assessed in parts d and e of all questions.**

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Answer any TWO questions, you must answer ALL parts (a–e) of the questions you choose.

1 (a) How many Pillars of Islam are there?

[1]

(b) State the TWO main beliefs in the Shahadah.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

[2]

(c) Describe what is meant by the Day of Judgement.

_____ [3]

(d) Explain the importance of greater and lesser Jihad in the lives of Muslims.

_____ [6]

(e) 'The best way to show belief in God is by helping other people.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Islam in your answer.

2 (a) What does the festival of Mawlid an-Nabi celebrate?

[1]

(b) Name TWO other annual Muslim festivals.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

[2]

(c) What is the importance for Muslims of ONE of the annual festivals?

[3]

3 (a) In which country did Islam begin?

[1]

(b) Name TWO cities which are holy to all Muslims.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

[2]

(c) Give THREE examples of practices common to all Muslims which go back to the time of Muhammad ﷺ.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

(iii) _____

_____ **[3]**

(d) Explain the reasons why the different Muslim groups are named Sunni and Shi'a.

_____ **[6]**

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