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**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS
GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION**

B578

RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (World Religion(s))

Islam 2 (Worship, Community and Family, Sacred Writings)

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

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF

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.**

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

1 (a) What is calligraphy?

[1]

(b) (i) What is a minbar?

(ii) What is a minbar used for?

[2]

(c) Explain why a minaret is an important part of a mosque.

[3]

(d) Explain why there are no statues or pictures of Muhammad ﷺ in a mosque.

[6]

(e) ‘People do NOT need to have set times for prayer.’

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 is the ummah?

[1]

(b) State how Muslims give zakah.

[2]

(c) Name THREE of the types of people who should receive zakah according to the Qur'an.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

(iii) _____ **[3]**

(d) Explain how zakah benefits both the giver and the person who receives it.

[6]

(e) 'Family is more important than community to Muslims.'

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

3 (a) In what language was the Qur'an given?

[1]

(b) State TWO reasons why the Qur'an is important for Muslims.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

[2]

(c) Explain how Muslims show respect for the Qur'an.

[3]

(d) Explain why Ahadith are important for Muslims.

[6]

(e) ‘Religions could not exist without holy books.’

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

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