

**Thursday 31 May 2012 – Afternoon**

**GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (WORLD RELIGION(S))**

**B577 Islam 1 (Beliefs, Special Days, Divisions and Interpretations)**



Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

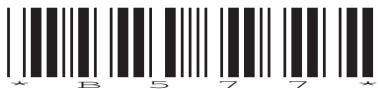
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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes above. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Answer any **two** questions; you must answer all parts (a–e) of the two questions that you choose.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. Additional paper may be used if necessary but you must clearly show your candidate number, centre number and question number(s).
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

**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.
- This document consists of **16** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer any **two** questions, you must answer **all** parts (a–e) of the questions you choose.

- 1 (a) In which Arabian city was Muhammad ﷺ born?

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- (b) When and where did Muhammad ﷺ die?

i) When: .....

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ii) Where: .....

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- (c) Describe what is meant by ‘the Hijrah’.

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- (d) Explain what was special about the message of Muhammad ﷺ.

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- (e) ‘Believers in one compassionate God should never fight anyone.’

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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- 2 (a) Name the month in which Muslims fast.

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- (b) When do most Muslims start and stop fasting each day of that month?

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- (c) Give **three** things Muslims cannot do during fasting.

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- (d)** Explain the reasons why Muslims fast.

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- (e) ‘Fasts are more important than festivals.’

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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- 3 (a) Name the largest of the major divisions in Islam.

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- (b) Name **two** of the first four Khalifahs.

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- (c) Describe what caused the split in Islam after the death of Muhammad ﷺ.

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- (d) Explain the difficulties a Muslim might have in practising Islam in a non-Muslim country.

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- (e) ‘The differences between the ways Sunni and Shi'a Muslims observe some of the Five Pillars are not important.’

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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## Additional pages

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