

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS  
General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

**ISLAMIC RELIGION AND CULTURE**

**2056/01**

Paper 1

October/November 2003

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

**2 hours 30 minutes**

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.  
Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.  
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.  
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **five** questions in total.

Choose any **two** questions from Part I and any **two** questions from Part II and **one** other question from either Part I or Part II.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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**Part I**

- 1 (a) Describe the tribal system among the Arabs before Islam. [10]  
(b) Do you think the tribe was still important after the coming of Islam? Give reasons for your answer. [10]
- 2 Discuss the view that the Arabs were not a religious people before Islam. [20]
- 3 (a) Describe the Battle of Uhud and the events leading up to it. [10]  
(b) Do you see Uhud as a defeat for the Muslims? Give reasons for your answer. [10]
- 4 (a) Describe what happened leading up to the Conquest of Mecca. [10]  
(b) Why was this conquest so important for the Muslims? [10]
- 5 (a) How was Abu Bakr chosen as Caliph? [10]  
(b) Assess Abu Bakr's contribution to the survival of Islam in the period 632–634. [10]
- 6 (a) Why did Mu'awiya refuse to accept Ali as caliph? [10]  
(b) What happened as a result of this disagreement between them? [10]

**Part II**

- 7 (a)** Describe how the Qur'an was collected after the death of the Prophet. [10]
- (b)** Why did the early Muslims regard it as so important to make a written collection of the Qur'an? [10]
- 8 (a)** What does Sura Fateha tell us about man's relation to God in Islam? [10]
- (b)** Why is this sura so important to Muslims? [10]
- 9 (a)** Describe the story of the Prophet Musa as told in the Qur'an. [10]
- (b)** In what ways did this story provide support and inspiration for the early Muslims? [10]
- 10 (a)** What are the requirements for Salat? [10]
- (b)** In what ways does Salat influence the daily life of Muslims, both as individuals and as a community? [10]
- 11** What does Islam teach about
- (a)** forgiveness, [10]
- and (b)** generosity? [10]
- In your answer, refer to any teachings of the Qur'an and Hadith you have studied.
- 12 (a)** How did the early Muslims select sahih (very sound) Hadith? [10]
- (b)** Why are the Hadith so important for Muslims today? [10]

