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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

**ISLAMIC RELIGION AND CULTURE**

**2056/01**

Paper 1

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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.  
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) Outline the religious beliefs and practices of the Arabs before Islam. [10]  
(b) Which of these beliefs and practices did the Prophet Muhammad adapt and include in Islam? [10]
- 2 (a) Write an outline of the life of the Prophet Muhammad up to the time of the first revelation. [10]  
(b) Explain why he was given the title of 'As Sadiq' (the Truthful) and 'Al Amin' (the Trustworthy). [10]
- 3 (a) Describe the opposition faced by the Prophet Muhammad and the early Muslims in Mecca after his call to prophethood. [10]  
(b) What were the reasons for this opposition from the Quraish? [10]
- 4 (a) Describe the achievements of the Prophet Muhammad in Medina. [10]  
(b) Explain how the revelations received in Medina influenced the behaviour of the Muslim community. [10]
- 5 (a) Explain why the Prophet Muhammad was at first friendly towards the Jews of Medina. [10]  
(b) Outline the role played by the Jewish tribes during the time of the Battle of the Trench (or Ahzab). [10]
- 6 (a) Describe the events that led up to Umar becoming a Muslim. [10]  
(b) Assess the main achievements of his Caliphate. [10]

## Part II

- 7 (a) Describe the way the Qur'an was compiled under the early Caliphs. [10]  
(b) Why is the Qur'an important to Muslims? [10]
- 8 (a) Describe what is taught in verses 1 to 5 of Sura Alaq. [10]  
(b) Why are these verses particularly important? [10]
- 9 (a) Outline **two** stories told in the Qur'an about the Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham). [10]  
(b) Comment on his significance in the life of Muslims. [10]
- 10 (a) Describe the main stages of the Hajj. [10]  
(b) Discuss the importance of:  
(i) ihram  
and (ii) wuqf. [10]
- 11 (a) Describe the six articles of faith in Islam (*iman mufassil*). [10]  
(b) Discuss your understanding of any **two** of them. [10]
- 12 (a) Describe **two** ways in which the Hadith of the Prophet affect the daily life of Muslims. [10]  
(b) Referring to the Hadith you have learnt, discuss the concept of tolerance in Islam. [10]

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