

Paper Reference(s)

**7568**

# **London Examinations GCE**

**Islamiyat**

**Ordinary Level**

Monday 12 January 2009 – Afternoon

Time: 2 hours 30 minutes

**Materials required for examination**

Answer Book (AB16)

**Items included with question papers**

Nil

## **Instructions to Candidates**

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Answer ALL the questions in Section One.

Answer TWO questions from Section Two and TWO from EITHER Section Three OR Section Four.

In the boxes on the answer book, write the name of the examining body (London Examinations), your centre number, candidate number, the subject title (Islamiyat), the paper reference (7568), your surname, other names, and signature.

Write your answers in the answer book. Make sure your answers to parts of questions are clearly numbered. Use additional answer sheets if necessary.

## **Information for Candidates**

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The total mark for this paper is 100.

All questions in Sections Two, Three and Four carry equal marks. The marks for parts of questions are shown in round brackets: e.g. (2).

This paper has 20 questions.

There are no blank pages.

Textbooks are not allowed in the examination room.

## **Advice to Candidates**

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It is important to refer to, and quote from, the set texts where appropriate.

Write your answers neatly and in good English.

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## SECTION ONE: The Qur'an and Hadith

Answer ALL questions in this section.

1. Translate **two** of the following Surahs and answer the questions that follow:

(a) Al-Asr (2)

- (i) At what time of day is this prayer recited?
- (ii) Suggest **one** way in which a person may avoid being in “a state of loss”.
- (iii) Why was Abu Bakr known as As-Siddiq? (3)

OR

(b) Al-Qariah (2)

- (i) What event is described in this Surah?
- (ii) State **one** other description, besides Fire, for Hell in the Qur'an.
- (iii) In 630 CE how did the Prophet show justice in his treatment of the Makkans? (3)

OR

(c) Al-Ikhlās (At-Tauhid) (2)

- (i) What is a **polytheist**?
- (ii) State **one** way in which the Prophet showed his belief in the unity of God when he entered Makkah in 630 CE.
- (iii) State **one** reason why pictures of Allah are not allowed in a mosque. (3)

(Total 10 marks)

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2. Translate **three** of the following Ayats and answer the questions that follow:

(a) تعاونوا على البر والتقوى . . .

- (i) **Briefly** indicate the origin of this saying.  
(ii) State **one** reason why it is wrong to take revenge. (3)

**OR**

(b) يا أيها الذين آمنوا إتقوا الله حق تقاته . . .

- (i) What do Muslims mean by **fearing** Allah?  
(ii) State **one** way in which a Muslim on pilgrimage may show his fear of Allah. (3)

**OR**

(c) قولوا للناس حسنا . . .

- (i) How did the Ansars show kindness to the Muhajirun?  
(ii) State **one** reason why kindness to others is an important Muslim virtue. (3)

**OR**

(d) يا أيها الذين آمنوا أقيموا الصلاة وأتوا الزكاة . . .

- (i) What is the literal meaning of the word **zakah**?  
(ii) State **one** of the benefits of zakah. (3)

**OR**

(e) كونوا قوامين بالقسط . . .

- (i) State **one** reason why Muslim justice should always be carried out publicly.  
(ii) **Briefly** explain why the justice of Allah is more reliable than human justice. (3)

**(Total 9 marks)**

3. Translate **three** of the following Ahadis and answer the questions that follow:

- (a) الصلاة عماد الدين  
(i) What is the **Qiblah**?  
(ii) When might a Muslim use **tarawih** prayers? (3)
- OR**
- (b) فضل القرآن على سائر الكلام لفضل الله على خلقه  
(i) Which Khalifah (Caliph) ordered the first written version of the Qur'an?  
(ii) State **one** way in which the Qur'an is respected when it is not in use. (3)
- OR**
- (c) الراشي والمرثي كلاهما في النار  
(i) State **one** bribe offered to the Prophet to persuade him to discard his message.  
(ii) Suggest **one** way in which a Muslim might put surplus wealth to good use. (3)
- OR**
- (d) طلب العلم فريضة على كل مسلمة  
(i) What special knowledge did Allah give Adam?  
(ii) Give **one** reason why gaining knowledge is a Muslim virtue. (3)
- OR**
- (e) إرحموا من في الارض  
(i) State **one** way in which the mercy of Allah is shown in the Qur'an.  
(ii) Name the Surah which discusses "small kindnesses". (3)
- (Total 9 marks)**

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION ONE: 28 MARKS**

**SECTION TWO: The Life, Teaching and Achievements of the Prophet**

**Answer all parts of any TWO questions from this section.**

4. (a) Describe what happened when the angel Jibril appeared to the Prophet on Mount Hira in 610 CE. (6)
- (b) Explain **three** ways in which the importance of this occasion is celebrated by Muslims today. (6)
- (c) Why do Muslims regard the Qur'an as a holy book? (6)
- (Total 18 marks)**
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5. (a) Give **three** reasons why the Prophet and his followers decided to leave Makkah for Madinah in 622 CE. (6)
- (b) Explain **three** ways in which the Prophet attempted to unite his followers in Madinah. (6)
- (c) Explain why the events surrounding the Hijrah (the migration of the Prophet) are still important and valuable today. (6)
- (Total 18 marks)**
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6. (a) Describe the measures taken by the Prophet against the Jews on **each** of the following occasions:
- (i) after the battle of Badr;
- (ii) after the battle of Uhud;
- (iii) after the battle of the Trench (Ditch or Fosse). (6)
- (b) Explain why these measures were necessary and what they may show about the Prophet's character. (6)
- (c) "Muslims should always try to live on good terms with non-Muslims." Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (6)
- (Total 18 marks)**
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7. (a) State, and comment on, **four** ways in which the Prophet improved the position of women in Arabian society. (8)
- (b) Explain **two** reasons why the Prophet's wives were known as "the Mothers of the Faithful". (4)
- (c) "Paradise lies at the feet of the mother." (Hadith). What reasons might a Muslim use to explain this statement? (6)
- (Total 18 marks)**
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8. (a) Give an account of the Greater Pilgrimage undertaken by the Prophet in 632 CE. (3)
- (b) On that occasion, explain what the Prophet taught in his Farewell Khutbah about **each** of the following:
- (i) religious duties;
  - (ii) relationships with fellow-Muslims. (6)
- (c) Consider the importance of **one** of these teachings for Muslims today. (3)
- (d) Explain why the Prophet is regarded as the seal of all the prophets. (6)
- (Total 18 marks)**
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**TOTAL FOR SECTION TWO: 36 MARKS**

**Either SECTION THREE (for Sunni students)**

**Answer all parts of any TWO questions from this section.**

9. (a) Outline the origin and structure of the Qur'an. (6)
- (b) What does the Qur'an teach about death and resurrection? (6)
- (c) How may the conduct of Muslims be affected by the Qur'an's teaching about the Day of Judgement? (6)
- (Total 18 marks)**
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10. (a) Explain the origins of the Hadith. (4)
- (b) What steps were taken by Muslim scholars to ensure that the Hadith were authentic? (8)
- (c) Using **three** examples, show how the Hadith remain sources of guidance for Muslims today. (6)
- (Total 18 marks)**
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11. (a) State what the Qur'an teaches about **each** of the following:
- (i) theft;
- (ii) slander;
- (iii) usury. (6)
- (b) Explain why these teachings are important to Muslims in modern times. (6)
- (c) How far are Muslims today successful in keeping up these standards? (6)
- (Total 18 marks)**
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12. (a) Describe what happens at Juma prayers. (6)
- (b) Explain the meaning of any **three** acts of devotion performed during a rak'ah. (6)
- (c) What is the purpose of prayer in Islam? In your answer, make reference to personal **and** congregational prayer. (6)
- (Total 18 marks)**
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13. (a) Give an account of the reign of Khalifah (Caliph) Uthman by describing **each** of the following:
- (i) his military conquests;
  - (ii) his public buildings;
  - (iii) his work on the Qur'an. (9)
- (b) Briefly explain the circumstances leading to the death of Khalifah Uthman. (3)
- (c) "There are no great Islamic leaders in the world today." Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (6)
- (Total 18 marks)**
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14. (a) Name **two** lawful and **two** unlawful foods. (4)
- (b) Explain **two** reasons why these regulations are important. (8)
- (c) Comment on **one** possible benefit **and one** possible problem of observing such rules in modern times. (6)
- (Total 18 marks)**
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**TOTAL FOR SECTION THREE: 36 MARKS**



**Or SECTION FOUR (for Shi'ah students)**

**Answer all parts of any TWO questions from this section.**

15. (a) State, and comment on, **three** reasons why Allah has ordered his followers to love the Imams. (6)
- (b) Using **two** examples from his life, explain how Ali, the First Imam, expressed the attributes of a true Imam in both his character **and** his behaviour. (6)
- (c) "The Imams are just human beings like anyone else." What arguments might be used to challenge this statement? (6)
- (Total 18 marks)**
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16. (a) Outline the teaching of Islam about the decree of Allah and human free-will. (6)
- (b) Comment **briefly** on **three** ways in which Allah influences the behaviour of people. (6)
- (c) How are these teachings related to Shi'ah views about the Day of Judgement? (6)
- (Total 18 marks)**
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17. (a) Apart from the practice of prayer, describe **two** daily activities that might be called 'Jihad' in the life of a Muslim. (4)
- (b) Using the example of Imam Husayn, explain why it is sometimes necessary to fight a "Holy War". (5)
- (c) How is the martyrdom of Imam Husayn remembered by Shi'ah Muslims nowadays? (3)
- (d) "People should not spend time remembering wars and conflict: instead they should be working to maintain peace." Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (6)
- (Total 18 marks)**
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18. (a) Explain why **each** of the following is an important place of pilgrimage for Shi'ah Muslims:
- (i) Najaf;
- (ii) Mashhad;
- (iii) Qom. (6)
- (b) Identify, and comment on, **three** of the rites which a Shi'ah Muslim must perform before entering one of these sacred sites. (6)
- (c) Briefly explain **three** social **or** religious advantages which may be gained from visiting the Holy Shrines. (6)
- (Total 18 marks)**
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19. (a) Describe what happens at Friday prayers. (6)
- (b) Explain the meaning of any **three** acts of devotion performed during a rak'ah. (6)
- (c) Why is the performance of du'a (personal) prayer particularly important for Shi'ah Muslims? (6)
- (Total 18 marks)**
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20. (a) What is the teaching of Shi'ah Islam about Paradise **and** Hell? Illustrate your answer by referring to the teachings of the Qur'an. (8)
- (b) Explain the part played by angels in deciding the fate of a Muslim after death. (4)
- (c) How would you answer someone who says that ideas about heaven and hell are out-of-date today? (6)
- (Total 18 marks)**
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