



GCE AS/A LEVEL

2120UB0-1

FRIDAY, 17 MAY 2024 – MORNING

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 1

Option B

An Introduction to the Study of Islam

1 hour 15 minutes plus your additional time allowance

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

Answer ONE question from Section A and ONE question from Section B

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

Write the question number in the left-hand margin at the start of each answer.

Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

(Turn over)

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 30 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each part-question.

You are reminded of the need to:

- **reflect on, select and apply specified knowledge.**
- **understand, interpret and critically evaluate religious concepts, texts and other sources.**
- **identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this unit.**
- **construct well-informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.**

(Turn over)

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- **engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.**
- **present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.**
- **use specialist language and terminology appropriately.**
- **use spelling, punctuation and grammar appropriately.**

(Turn over)

UNIT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion

Option B – An Introduction to the Study of Islam

Part (a) of each question tests your knowledge and understanding of religion and belief.

Part (b) of each question tests your skills of analysis and evaluation, with regards to aspects of and approaches to religion and belief.

(Turn over)

SECTION A

Answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER,

01 (a) Examine the significance of the Night of Power for the development of Islam in Makkah. [15 marks]

(b) ‘Muhammad became a complete leader in Madinah.’ Evaluate this view. [15 marks]

(Turn over)

OR,

02 (a) Explain ways in which the Qur'an is understood as a source of wisdom in Islam. [15 marks]

(b) 'Any translation of the Qur'an inevitably leads to inaccuracies.' Evaluate this view. [15 marks]

(Turn over)

SECTION B

Answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER,

03 (a) Explain the significance of Hajj for Muslims. [15 marks]

**(b) ‘It is the individual Muslim and not the Muslim community that gains most from Hajj.’
Evaluate this view. [15 marks]**

(Turn over)

OR,

04 (a) Outline teachings in Islam about Akhirah (the Day of Final Judgement). [15 marks]

**(b) 'A good Muslim need not fear Akhirah.'
Evaluate this view. [15 marks]**

OR,

05 (a) Examine the role of the masjid (mosque) in Islam. [15 marks]

**(b) 'The ideal masjid is a simple place for prayers.'
Evaluate this view. [15 marks]**

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