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General Certificate of Education

2022 Reserve Series

Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 6

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Islam in a Contemporary Context



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THURSDAY 30 JUNE, AFTERNOON

TIME

2 hours.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **two** questions from Section A and the compulsory question in Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

You are advised to take account of the marks for each part question in allocating the available examination time.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a)** “The prophet Muhammad and the earlier prophets are important in the Islamic faith.”
Present a case for this statement. [20]
- (b)** “While belief in angels and al Qad’r (predestination) are central articles of faith, these beliefs also raise problems for Islam.”
To what extent is this statement true? [30]
- 2 (a)** Outline the contribution of Ali and Mu’awiya to the Sunni/Shi’a split. [20]
- (b)** Critically evaluate the suggestion that Shi’a beliefs and practices are seen as unacceptable by Sunni Muslims. [30]
- 3 (a)** Clarify Islamic teaching on assisted conception and surrogacy. [20]
- (b)** “Islamic teaching seeks to protect life and therefore should not permit abortion.”
Critically assess this claim. [30]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Conflict, Freedom of Belief and Orthodoxy

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) "Religion has found reformation difficult."

With reference to **one** example, present a case for this statement. You must support your answer with reference to at least **one** other unit of study. [20]

- (b) Critically evaluate the view that whereas religion should defend human rights, it has not always done so.

You must refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [30]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
