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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 6  
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An Introduction to Islam



SRE61

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**WEDNESDAY 22 MAY, AFTERNOON**

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## TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.  
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.  
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 **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Explain the origins of the Qur'an and consider the contribution of Muhammad and the Caliphs to the process of recording the Qur'an. [25]
- (b) "Although Muslims agree on the importance of the Qur'an, the problem is always one of interpretation."  
Evaluate this view. Justify your answer. [25]
- 2 (a) "The role of the Imam is to guide and to teach the Islamic community."  
Examine this statement. [25]
- (b) "The mosque provides greater support for Muslims than any other aspect of the faith."  
Assess this claim. Justify your answer. [25]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Discuss the importance to the Islamic community of Muhammad's call and the persecution which followed. [25]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that religious experience is of greater value to a believer than collective worship. Justify your answer. [25]
- 4 (a) "The Shahadah is the foundation of all of the Pillars of Islam."  
Examine this statement. [25]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, consider the view that a life of faith demands observance to both religious and moral duties. Justify your answer. [25]

