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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 6

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Islam in a Contemporary Context



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MONDAY 20 JUNE, MORNING

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) Examine some of the reasons why prophets are central to the Islamic faith. [20]
- (b) “Angels are more important than human beings in Islamic belief.”
To what extent is this statement true? [30]
- 2 (a) Outline how the debate over leadership contributed to the division of Islam following Muhammad’s death. [20]
- (b) Critically evaluate the suggestion that, for Sunnis, Shi’a Islam is a heresy. [30]
- 3 (a) Outline the teaching of Islam on abortion with particular reference to the issue of risk to the life of the mother. [20]
- (b) “Assisted conception is acceptable because of Islam’s strong emphasis on the importance of the family.”
Critically assess this claim. [30]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Conflict, Freedom of Belief and Orthodoxy

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) “A key role of religion is to uphold human rights.”

With reference to **one** human rights example, discuss this statement. You must support your answer with reference to at least **one** other unit of study. [20]

- (b) Critically assess the view that though religious truth can never change, reformation is essential if religion is to survive. You must refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [30]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
