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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 6
assessing
An Introduction to Islam



SRE61

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TUESDAY 31 MAY, AFTERNOON

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 why the revelation and compilation of the Qur'an are important for Muslims. [25]
- (b) Assess the claim that the language of the Qur'an is the greatest challenge for Muslims who want to submit to Allah. Justify your answer. [25]
- 2 (a) Examine the challenges that Muhammad as a prophet met in both Mecca and Medina. [25]
- (b) "Muhammad's early social background had the greatest impact on his life and work."
Assess this claim. Justify your answer. [25]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a)** How does the observance of Sawm and Eid ul Fitr help Muslims focus on key aspects of their faith? [25]
- (b)** With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate the view that religious rituals help believers to preserve their faith in a secular age. Justify your answer. [25]
- 4 (a)** Explain the importance of Salat, including Salat-ul-Jumu'ah (Friday prayers), in Islamic worship. [25]
- (b)** With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that unquestioning belief in sacred texts is often dangerous. Justify your answer. [25]

