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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 6

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Islam in a Contemporary Context



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MONDAY 19 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)** Outline how al'Qadr (predestination) is understood in the Muslim community. [20]
- (b)** "Islamic teachings on Akirah (judgement and afterlife) are motivated by fear rather than submission to the will of Allah."
Critically assess this view. [30]
- 2 (a)** Discuss what is distinctive about Shi'a religious practices. [20]
- (b)** "From the death of Muhammad, the Sunni/Shi'a split continues to be the greatest challenge for followers of Islam."
How far do you agree with this statement? [30]
- 3 (a)** Outline the different views on the role of women in Islamic worship. [20]
- (b)** "Qur'anic teaching reinforces equality between women and men."
Critically evaluate this view. [30]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Conflict, Freedom of Belief and Orthodoxy

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) “Reformation and change within a religion creates conflict.”

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 assess the claim that freedom of belief within a religious community is more positive than negative.

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

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
