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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 6

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An Introduction to Islam

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**THURSDAY 25 MAY, AFTERNOON**

## TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

**You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.**

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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.

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## Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Explain what Shahada and Zakat reveal about the beliefs and practice of Islam. [25]
- (b) “Muslims only keep the Five Pillars because of their desire to be rewarded by Allah.”
- Assess this claim. Justify your answer. [25]
- 2 (a) Discuss Muhammad’s leadership from the Hijra to his final sermon. [25]
- (b) Evaluate the view that the Hadith and Sunnah offer the greatest support for Muslims in living out their faith. Justify your answer. [25]



## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

3 (a) Explain how the Qur'an was revealed and why it is so valuable to Muslims. [25]

(b) "Sacred texts should be the only source of authority for religious believers."

With reference to other aspects of human experience, consider how far this statement is true. Justify your answer. [25]

4 (a) Examine the role and importance of the Imam in Islamic life and worship. [25]

(b) "Faith and worship are meaningless without a personal religious experience."

With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate this view. Justify your answer. [25]

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