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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 6

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Islam in a Contemporary Context



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MONDAY 17 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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2 hours.

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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Complete in black ink only. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

Answer **two** questions from Section A and the compulsory question in Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.

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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 **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) Outline how human behaviour will be judged at the end of time according to the Islamic concept of Akirah. [20]
- (b) “Allah is both compassionate and merciful.”
- To what extent do you agree that this is the key understanding of God in Islam? [30]
- 2 (a) Discuss why Ali and Husayn are key figures in the origins of Shi’a Islam. [20]
- (b) “Shi’a Muslims are radically different from Sunnis in all that they believe and do.”
- Critically assess this claim. [30]
- 3 (a) Clarify the Islamic understanding of justice and punishment. [20]
- (b) “Suicide is the most challenging moral issue for Islam today.”
- Critically evaluate this view. [30]



Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Conflict, Freedom of Belief and Orthodoxy

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) "Religious orthodoxy creates debate and division."

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 religion always contributes more to peace than to conflict.

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

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