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Religious Studies

Paper 8
Islam



GRE81

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THURSDAY 15 JUNE, MORNING

TIME

1 hour 30 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Answer **all** the questions in **Section A** in the spaces provided in this booklet **and two** from **three** questions in **Section B** in the spaces provided in this booklet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **Section B**

Questions **5(c)**, **6(c)** and **7(c)**, where **two** questions only are required to be completed.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

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Question Number	Marks
Section A	
1	
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Section B	
5	
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Total Marks	

2 Festivals

(a) (i) What does Eid-ul-Adha commemorate?

_____ [1]

(ii) When is Eid-ul-Adha celebrated?

_____ [1]

(iii) Name **one** animal that can be slaughtered for sacrifice.

_____ [1]

(iv) Give **two** ways in which Eid-ul-Adha is celebrated by Muslims.

1. _____ [1]

2. _____ [1]

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Remark

Section B

You must answer **two** questions from this section.

Write on the pages provided at the end of the examination paper.

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Marks	Remark

5 Beliefs and practices

(a) Outline the practice of Zakat (giving to charity) in Islam. [5]

(b) Explain the importance of the Imam for Muslims. [5]

(c) “You can be a good Muslim without following all Five Pillars.”
 Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to Islam in your answer. [10]

6 Rites of passage

(a) Describe a Muslim marriage ceremony. [5]

(b) Explain the significance of funeral and mourning rites for Muslims. [5]

(c) “Children should be able to choose their religious faith.”
 Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to Islam in your answer. [10]

7 Contemporary issues

(a) Describe Muslim rules about eating and drinking. [5]

(b) Explain Muslim attitudes to gambling and payment of interest (usury). [5]

(c) “It is too much to ask teenage Muslims to obey all the Islamic rules.”
 Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to Islam in your answer. [10]

Write your answers to Section B here.

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