



General Certificate of Secondary Education
2024

Centre Number

--	--	--	--	--

Candidate Number

--	--	--	--	--

Religious Studies

Paper 8

Islam



[GRE81]

GRE81

TUESDAY 11 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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.

You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.

Do not write outside the boxed area on each page or on blank pages.

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

Answer **all** the questions in **Section A** 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.



Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 Beliefs and practices

(a) (i) How many Pillars of Islam are there?

_____ [1]

(ii) What does a muezzin do?

_____ [1]

(iii) How many times a day should a Muslim pray?

_____ [1]

(iv) What city do Muslims face when they pray?

_____ [1]

(v) Name the person who leads prayer in the mosque.

_____ [1]



Section B

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

5 Sacred writings

(a) Outline the origins of the Qur'an. [5]

(b) Explain the significance of Hadith for the practice of Islam. [5]

(c) "Society would be a much better place if everyone followed Sharia law."

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 Beliefs and practices

(a) Describe some of the differences between the Sunni and Shi'a traditions. [5]

(b) Explain the reasons for the rise of Sufism. [5]

(c) "Each religion should have only one leader."

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 the role and status of women in Islam. [5]

(b) Explain Muslim views on dress and the concept of modesty. [5]

(c) "Rules about what Muslims eat and drink continue to be relevant in today's society."

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]





THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER

BLANK PAGE

DO NOT WRITE ON THIS PAGE

13939



24GRE8123

DO NOT WRITE ON THIS PAGE

For Examiner's use only	
Question Number	Marks
Section A	
1	
2	
3	
4	
Section B	
5	
6	
7	
Total Marks	

Examiner Number

Permission to reproduce all copyright material has been applied for.
In some cases, efforts to contact copyright holders may have been unsuccessful and CCEA will be happy to rectify any omissions of acknowledgement in future if notified.

13939/4



24GRE8124