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Assessment Unit AS 8

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Module 8: An Introduction
to the Study of Islam

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TUESDAY 27 JANUARY, MORNING



TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **two** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 90.
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.

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- 1 (a) Outline your knowledge and understanding of Muhammad's life from his childhood to the Hijra (migration). [30]
- (b) Explore the claim that the most significant influence on Muhammad's life and leadership was Allah. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Outline your knowledge and understanding of the Islamic duties of Sawm (fasting) and Zakat (giving). [30]
- (b) Comment on the view that in Islam actions are more important than belief. Justify your answer. [15]
- 3 (a) Outline your knowledge and understanding of the origins and development of Sufism. [30]
- (b) Explore the claim that Sufism enabled the Islamic faith to survive. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Beginning with the 'Night of Power', outline your knowledge and understanding of the revelation and production of the Qur'an. [30]
- (b) Comment on the view that the structure and language of the Qur'an is problematic for Muslims. Justify your answer. [15]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
