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## Religious Studies

### Assessment Unit AS 8

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An Introduction to the Study of Islam

[AR181]

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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#### TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.  
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 question or part question.



## Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Explain the significance of the pillars of almsgiving (Zakat) and pilgrimage (Hajj). [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the worship of Allah is a demanding way of life. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain the importance of the mosque and the Imam in Muslim worship. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that in Islam, it is the mosque alone which brings unity and equality to the community. Justify your answer. [15]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Give an account of the key events in Muhammad's life from his call until his death. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that the demands of religious leadership are too great. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Give an account of the process of the compilation of the Qur'an and the significance of this text for Muslims. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that for the religious believer sacred texts should be obeyed without question. Justify your answer. [15]

