



GCE AS



B120UB0-1

FRIDAY, 19 MAY 2023 – MORNING

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS component 1

Option B: An Introduction to Islam

1 hour 30 minutes plus your additional time allowance

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

Answer TWO questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided, following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

Use both sides of the paper. Write only within the white areas of the booklet.

Write the question number in the left-hand margin at the start of each answer.

Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

(Turn over)

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 50 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each part-question.

You are reminded of the need to:

- **reflect on, select and apply specified knowledge.**
- **understand, interpret and evaluate critically religious concepts, texts and other sources.**
- **identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this component.**
- **construct well-informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.**
- **engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.**
- **present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.**
- **use specialist language and terminology appropriately.**

COMPONENT 1 – AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF RELIGION

OPTION B – AN INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM

Part (a) of each question tests your knowledge and understanding of religion and belief.

Part (b) of each question tests your skills of analysis and evaluation, with regards to aspects of and approaches to religion and belief.

SECTION A

Answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER,

01 (a) Examine the benefits of zakah for Muslims.

[25 marks]

**(b) ‘Support for the poor is central to Islam.’
Evaluate this view. [25 marks]**

(Turn over)

OR,

02 (a) Examine the categories of halal (blessed, allowed) and haram (forbidden) as guides for Muslim living. [25 marks]

**(b) 'The five categories of action provide clear guidance for Muslims today.'
Evaluate this view. [25 marks]**

SECTION B

Answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER,

03 (a) Explain the significance of the events of Akhirah (the Day of Final Judgement) from the last trumpet onward. [25 marks]

**(b) 'The Day of Final Judgement should inspire faith not fear.'
Evaluate this view. [25 marks]**

OR,

04 (a) Outline Muhammad's teachings in Makkah, following the Night of Power until his migration to Madinah. [25 marks]

**(b) 'Islam could have easily failed during the Makkan persecution.'
Evaluate this view. [25 marks]**

(Turn over)

OR,

05 (a) Examine the observance of Ashura by Shi'a Muslims. [25 marks]

**(b) 'It is excessive to use self-harm in religious devotions.'
Evaluate this view with reference to Ashura.**

[25 marks]

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