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Religious Studies
Assessment Unit A2 8

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Islam: Law, Tradition and Practice

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TIME

2 hours.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Candidate Number and Centre Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **two** questions from Section A and answer the compulsory question in Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.
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 **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) With reference to relevant surahs, outline and discuss the teaching of the Qur'an on the role of women. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that it is unfair to accuse Islam of oppressing women. [20]
- 2 (a) Outline and explain the Islamic understanding of Allah (Tawhid), Angels and Prophets (Risalah). [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that those who submit to Allah are often misunderstood. [20]
- 3 (a) Explain why the rites of passage connected with death and burial are important within Islam. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that religious rituals are the only means of preserving Islamic identity. [20]
- 4 (a) Identify and explain the distinctive features of Shia Islam. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that division has not been harmful to Islam. [20]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Orthodoxy

You **must** answer this question

- 5 (a) With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, outline and examine some major issues which have arisen in relation to orthodoxy. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that religious believers have always struggled with orthodoxy. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

