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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 8

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Islam: Law, Tradition and Practice

[AR281]

MONDAY 28 MAY, MORNING



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 in allocating the available examination time.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section.

- 1 (a) Analyse and discuss the teaching of the Qur'an on marriage and divorce. [30]

(b) Critically assess the claim that Western values are a huge challenge for Muslims who want to obey the Qur'an. [20]

- 2 (a) Explain the Islamic teaching on Last Days and Afterlife (Akirah) and Predestination (Al Qad'r). [30]

(b) Critically evaluate the claim that the idea of an eternal reward is central to the Muslim faith. [20]

- 3 (a) Outline and explain the significance of Islamic rituals connected to death and burial. [30]

(b) Critically assess the claim that religious rites of passage are of limited value. [20]

- 4 (a) Identify and consider the events which led to the split between Sunni and Shia. [30]

(b) "The first four caliphs were highly successful in leading the community after Muhammad's death." Critically evaluate this view. [20]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Orthodoxy

You **must** answer this question.

- 5 (a) With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, examine the contribution of key people to orthodoxy. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that the preservation of orthodoxy is the primary function of a religious leader. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

