



# Cambridge O Level

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## ISLAMIC STUDIES

2068/12

Paper 1 History and Scriptures

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total, **one** from each section.  
Answer all parts of the questions you have chosen.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

### INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Answer **three** questions.

Choose **one** question from each section.

You must answer **all** parts of the questions you have chosen.

### Section A: Arabia in the Pre-Islamic period

- 1 (a) State **four** features of the beliefs of the hanifs. [4]
- (b) Describe the way polytheism was practised in pre-Islamic society. [10]
- (c) To what extent does a person's connection to God change when they become Muslim? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

- 2 (a) State **four** reasons why the Ka'ba was important to people in pre-Islamic times. [4]
- (b) Describe the role of the shaykh of a tribe in pre-Islamic Arabia. [10]
- (c) To what extent did the social conditions at the time allow Islam to become established? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

### Section B: Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

- 3 (a) Give **four** ways the Quraish persecuted new Muslims. [4]
- (b) Describe the events that took place when the Muslims migrated to Abyssinia. [10]
- (c) To what extent is it easy to welcome new migrants into your community? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

- 4 (a) Give **four** names of people who supported the Prophet (pbuh) after the first revelation. [4]
- (b) Give an account of the events that happened after the Prophet (pbuh) was commanded to preach openly. [10]
- (c) To what extent could the Prophet (pbuh) feel confident about preaching openly? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

### Section C: Texts from the Holy Qur'an and Hadith

#### 5 Sura 108: 1–3

- 1 To thee have We  
Granted the Fount  
(of Abundance).
- 2 Therefore to thy Lord  
Turn in Prayer  
And Sacrifice.
- 3 For he who hateth thee,  
He will be cut off  
(From Future Hope).

*[Yusuf Ali; An English interpretation of the Holy Qur'an]*

- (a) Explain the main teachings of Sura Kauthar **and** how the Sura was revealed to put the Prophet (pbuh) at ease. [12]
- (b) Evaluate different ways Muslims can show loyalty to God and the Qur'an in their everyday lives. [8]

[Total: 20]

#### 6 Hadith No 13 Love

'None of you (truly) believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself.'

*[An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith]*

- (a) Explain the teachings of Hadith 13 and give **three** examples of how Muslims can apply them in their lives. [12]
- (b) Discuss how easy it is for Muslims to put these teachings into practice within an online community. [8]

[Total: 20]

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