



Cambridge O Level

ISLAMIC STUDIES

2068/23

Paper 2 Development, Sources, Beliefs and Observances

October/November 2024

1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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 [].

This document has **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **three** questions.

Choose **one** question from each section.

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

Section A: The Caliphate period/The Four Pious Caliphs

- 1 (a) Give the names of **four** people who supported Abu Bakr as Caliph. [4]
- (b) Explain Abu Bakr's policies for expanding and maintaining the state. [10]
- (c) Discuss the importance of obeying leaders. Refer to Abu Bakr in your answer. [6]
- [Total: 20]
- 2 (a) Give **four** characteristics of 'Uthman. [4]
- (b) Explain how 'Uthman's character helped him in his leadership as Caliph. [10]
- (c) Choose **one** aspect of 'Uthman's rule and discuss how that could help governments today. [6]
- [Total: 20]

Section B: The history and importance of the Qur'an and Hadith

- 3 (a) Give **four** characteristics of narrators that caused some Hadith to be rejected. [4]
- (b) Explain how the Qur'an and the Hadith are applied together in Muslims' everyday practice of Islam. [10]
- (c) To what extent do Muslims always need to use the Qur'an and the Hadith together? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]
- [Total: 20]
- 4 (a) Briefly describe the miracle of the feast given to Isa (AS). [4]
- (b) Explain the miracle of the birth of Isa (AS). [10]
- (c) To what extent did Isa (AS) prepare the way for Muhammad (pbuh)? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]
- [Total: 20]

Section C: Beliefs, practices and rituals

- 5 (a) Explain the importance of the oneness of God (*tawhid*) in a Muslim's worship. [12]
- (b) Discuss how belief in the oneness of God (*tawhid*) can help Muslims with problems they may face. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 6 (a) Explain the importance of standing at Arafat and stoning the Devil during the *Hajj* pilgrimage. [12]
- (b) To what extent have Muslims completed their duties to God when they finish *Hajj*? Give reasons to support your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

BLANK PAGE

Permission to reproduce items where third-party owned material protected by copyright is included has been sought and cleared where possible. Every reasonable effort has been made by the publisher (UCLES) to trace copyright holders, but if any items requiring clearance have unwittingly been included, the publisher will be pleased to make amends at the earliest possible opportunity.

To avoid the issue of disclosure of answer-related information to candidates, all copyright acknowledgements are reproduced online in the Cambridge Assessment International Education Copyright Acknowledgements Booklet. This is produced for each series of examinations and is freely available to download at www.cambridgeinternational.org after the live examination series.

Cambridge Assessment International Education is part of Cambridge Assessment. Cambridge Assessment is the brand name of the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), which is a department of the University of Cambridge.