

**MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2006 question paper**

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1. Comment on the main teachings contained in two of the following passages from the Qur'an.

(a) **Sura 2.124-6**

*And remember that Abraham was tried by his Lord with certain commands which he fulfilled.  
He said: "I will make you an Imam to the people."  
He pleaded: "And also from my offspring!"  
He answered: "But my promise is not within the reach of evildoers."*

*Remember we made the House a place of assembly for men and a place of safety; and take the Station of Abraham as a place of prayer; and we covenanted with Abraham and Isma`il, that they should sanctify my House, for those who compass it round, or use it as a retreat, or bow, or prostrate themselves.*

*And remember Abraham said: "My Lord, Make this a city of peace, and feed its people with fruits – Such of them as believe in God and the last day."  
He said: "And such as reject faith, For a while will I grant them their pleasure, But will soon drive them to the torment of fire – An evil destination."*

- Ibrahim (and Isma`il) repaired (or built) the Ka`ba so it became a centre of prayer and religious reflection.
- Makka itself became a place where people could be secure.
- But the Makkans (and all believers) had to rely on faith and not their origins for salvation with God.
- This passage refers to the origins of the annual pilgrimage.
- Those who reject God's call will be condemned to hell.
- Ibrahim was granted the significant position of imam (or leader/father) of the people.

(b) **Sura 17.1**

*Glory to him who took his servant for a journey by night from the sacred mosque to the farthest mosque, whose precincts we blessed - in order that we might show him some of our signs: for he is the one who hears and sees.*

- This sura demonstrates the power and majesty of God.
- The Prophet was taken from Makka to Jerusalem and back by night (Isra),
- Precisely from the Haram mosque at Makka to the Masjid al-Aqsa' at Jerusalem [both mosques must be named].
- The verses are usually seen as also referring to the Prophet's ascension to heaven (Miraj).
- On the night journey he led the prophets in prayer.
- The verses explain why Makka and Jerusalem are central in Muslim spirituality.

(c) **Sura 112**

*Say: He is God, the one;  
God, the Absolute.  
He does not beget nor is he begotten,  
And there is none like him.*

- The oneness of God is central to the Qur'an.
- It is also fundamental to Islam.
- God is unique and entirely self-subsistent;
- He is not physically related to children or parents.
- He cannot be compared with other beings or any other thing.

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2. (a) Outline *four* of the Prophet's personal qualities that make him a model for Muslims to follow.  
(b) Choosing *two* of these qualities, give one example in each case to show how Muslims can put them into practice in their own lives. [2]

- (a) [Look for **four** of the Prophet's qualities that can be a model for Muslims.  
Do not give marks for qualities unique to the Prophet, e.g. that he is a blessing for humankind.  
In each case award **1 mark** for:
- identification of the quality,
  - examples of how it was shown in the Prophet's life,
  - possible supporting quotations from the Hadith, Qur'an and remarks of his Companions.]

- (b) [In each case:  
Give **1 mark** for the basic outline of a Muslim putting the chosen quality into practice.  
Give a further **1 mark** for an example fully worked through.]

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3. (a) Describe the main characteristics of the congregational prayers on Friday.  
 (b) Explain the main differences between regular daily prayer (*salat*) and personal prayer (*du`a`*).

(a)

- All Muslim men in a community should try to gather for this prayer.
- In some communities women are also encouraged to attend.
- They should try to bath and put on fresh clothes / They perform ablutions before worship (purification).
- There are two *adhaans* for the congregational prayer.
- They should say the prayer together behind the Imam / the prayer can't be prayer alone.
- The Imam preaches a sermon, which is compulsory to hear (there are 2 sermons).
- After a pause he preaches a second sermon.
- These sermons always consist of advice based on the Qur'an and Hadith about living a Muslim life.
- People should not speak or use mobiles during the sermon, and listen attentively.
- The *fard* are prayed in two rakats, not four.
- The prayer cannot be prayed *kaza*, or after the set time.
- Some people are exempt from Friday prayers, e.g. travellers, the sick, women and children.
- [Allow 1 mark for supporting quotations from Qur'an or Hadith.]

(b)

- Regular prayer is always performed according to the pattern set by Qur'an and Sunna.
- It is obligatory, whereas personal prayers are voluntary.
- It has set timings, whereas *du`a`* prayers can be performed at any time.
- It is directed towards the Ka`ba,
- It consists of set formulas and actions, but *du`a`* prayers are not necessarily said according to a pattern.
- It is always in Arabic, but *Du`a`* prayers can be offered in any language.
- For regular prayers you need purification, but it is not obligatory for *du`a`* prayers.
- Regular prayer is worship to God but *du`a`* prayers comprise requests for oneself or others.
- They (personal prayers) are free, in that anyone or anything can be mentioned.
- They often consist of prayers spoken by the Prophet or, for Shi`is, Imams.

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4. (a) Trace the major stages in the compilation of the Qur'an in the time of the caliphs Abu Bakr and `Uthman.

(b) Why did these caliphs think it was important to make a compilation of the Qur'an? [6]

(a)

- Under Abu Bakr a number of memorisers were killed.
- This was at the battle of Yamama.
- `Umar suggested that the Qur'an should be written down for safety.
- Abu Bakr was reluctant because this had not been done under the Prophet.
- But a compilation was made.
- It eventually was given into the keeping of Hafsa.
- Zayd ibn Thabit was the chief scribe.
  
- Under `Uthman it became known that different forms (dialects) of the Qur'an were being circulated.
- He ordered a single authoritative copy to be made.
- Zayd Ibn Thabit was given this responsibility.
- He was helped by a group of leading Muslims.
- `Uthman had four copies of this edition made and circulated these.
- He ordered all other versions to be destroyed.
- The official version was made in the dialect of Quraysh.

(b)

- Abu Bakr came to see that the Qur'an could not be kept in memories alone.
- Although the Prophet had not made a written compilation, Abu Bakr realised that this would have to be done if the authentic Qur'an was to be preserved.
- `Uthman realised that the original message might be lost.
- If different versions were allowed to exist the original meaning might no longer survive.
- Muslims would not have a single source of guidance.
- Rival interpretations might break the unity of the community.
- Only the original revelation given to the Prophet could preserve unity.