



# 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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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: Arabia in the Pre-Islamic period

- 1 (a) State **four** types of goods traded in pre-Islamic Arabia. [4]
- (b) Outline the main religious beliefs and practices in pre-Islamic Arabia. [10]
- (c) Discuss the challenges faced by someone when becoming a Muslim. Refer to the pagan Meccans in your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

- 2 (a) Give the names of **four** people who looked after Muhammad (pbuh) before he became a prophet. [4]
- (b) Describe what happened when Halima cared for Muhammad (pbuh) as a child. [10]
- (c) To what extent did Muhammad's childhood experiences help him gain understanding of the needs of others? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

### Section B: Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

- 3 (a) Name **four** of the earliest converts to Islam. [4]
- (b) Explain how 'Uthman supported the Prophet (pbuh) during his prophethood. [10]
- (c) Evaluate different ways Muslims today can practise living a more simple life. [6]

[Total: 20]

- 4 (a) Describe **two** features of the Prophet Muhammad's character. [4]
- (b) Give an account of the main points in the farewell address **and** the events of the Prophet's illness and death. [10]
- (c) Choose **two** points from the farewell address and discuss their significance for Muslims today. [6]

[Total: 20]

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

#### 5 Sura 96: 1–5

- 1 Proclaim! (or Read!)  
In the name  
Of thy Lord and Cherisher,  
Who created—
- 2 Created man, out of  
A (mere) clot  
Of congealed blood:
- 3 Proclaim! And thy Lord  
Is Most Bountiful,—
- 4 He Who taught  
(The use of) the Pen,—
- 5 Taught man that  
Which he knew not.

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

- (a) Explain the main teachings of these verses from Sura Alaq and how they relate to the importance of gaining knowledge. [12]
- (b) Evaluate the ways Muslims can help their communities by using the different abilities God has given them. [8]

[Total: 20]

#### 6 Hadith No 15 Generosity

Let him who believes in Allah and the Last Day either speak good or keep silent, and let him who believes in Allah and the Last Day be generous to his neighbour, and let him who believes in Allah and the Last Day be generous to his guest.

*[An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith]*

- (a) Explain the main teachings of this Hadith and how they relate to the treatment of others. [12]
- (b) To what extent might Muslims find it easy to be generous in their everyday lives? Give reasons to support your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

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