



# **Cambridge O Level**

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**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

**2068/22**

Paper 2 Development, Sources, Beliefs and Observances

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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: The Caliphate period/The Four Pious Caliphs**

1 (a) Describe the election which took place for Caliph 'Uthman. [4]

(b) Explain how Caliph 'Uthman led the military. [10]

(c) Discuss the significance of 'Uthman's expansion for the early history of Islam. [6]

[Total: 20]

2 (a) Give **four** ways in which Caliph 'Umar was brave. [4]

(b) Explain how Caliph 'Umar was a humble and pious leader. [10]

(c) To what extent should leaders today be humble and pious like 'Umar? Give reasons to support your answer. [6]

[Total: 20]

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

3 (a) State **four** places where the Qur'an was revealed. [4]

(b) Choose **two** revelations from Mecca and describe the circumstances in which they were revealed. [10]

(c) Discuss what Muslims today can learn from Meccan revelations about facing hardships. [6]

[Total: 20]

4 (a) Give **four** characteristics of Yusuf (AS). [4]

(b) Explain what happened between Yusuf (AS) and Zulaikha. [10]

(c) Yusuf (AS) told the truth in difficult circumstances. Discuss what Muslims today can learn from this. [6]

[Total: 20]

**Section C: Beliefs, practices and rituals**

5 (a) Explain the Islamic rejection of associating partners with God (*shirk*). [12]  
(b) Evaluate different ways Muslims today can avoid being distracted from the worship of God. [8]

[Total: 20]

6 (a) Explain in detail **two** rituals performed during the *Hajj* pilgrimage. [12]  
(b) Some Muslims are unable to undertake the *Hajj*. Evaluate different ways they can still learn from the pilgrimage. [8]

[Total: 20]

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