



A-level RELIGIOUS STUDIES

2D: Islam and Dialogues

Specimen 2018

Morning

Time allowed: 3 hours

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book.
- Answer:
 - **both** two-part questions from Section A, and
 - **one** question from Section B and
 - **one** question from Section C
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- In each two-part question in Section A, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- The one-part questions in Sections B and C test your knowledge and understanding and your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Section A: Study of Islam

Answer **both** questions in this section.
Each question has two parts.

Question 01

0 1 . **1** Examine how Muslim teaching helps Muslims respond to the challenge of secularisation.

[10 marks]

and

0 1 . **2** 'Islam faces up to the challenges of secularisation by looking back to the past.'

Evaluate this claim.

[15 marks]

Question 02

0 2 . **1** Examine why there are different views in Islam concerning the issues of:

- marriage
- homosexuality

You should refer to both issues.

[10 marks]

and

0 2 . **2** 'Muslim feminism had little impact on Islam.'

Evaluate this claim.

[15 marks]

Section B: The dialogue between philosophy and Islam

Answer **one** question from this section.

Question 03

0 3 . **1** 'Muslim beliefs about the afterlife are reasonable.'

Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Islam and Philosophy

[25 marks]

OR

Question 04

0 4 . **1** 'Religious experience gives Muslims knowledge of God.'

Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Islam and Philosophy

[25 marks]

Turn over for Section C

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Section C: The dialogue between ethics and Islam

Answer **one** question from this section.

Question 05

0 5 . **1** 'Muslim ideas of moral responsibility have been undermined by understandings of the nature of free will.'

Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Islam and ethical studies.

[25 marks]

OR

Question 06

0 6 . **1** 'Muslim understandings of the status and rights of animals have been undermined by ethical studies into animal rights.'

Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Islam and ethical studies.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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