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**Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1)**

**Monday 15 May 2023**

Morning (Time: 1 hour 45 minutes)

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**Religious Studies A**

**PAPER 1: Area of Study 1 – Study of Religion  
Option 1C – Islam**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 102.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (\*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed  
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the use of specialist terminology.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

**Question 1: Beliefs and Teachings**

1 (a) Outline **three** ways the Six Beliefs are expressed in Muslim communities today. (3)

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(b) Explain **two** teachings about the oneness of Allah in the Qur'an. (4)

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**Question 2: Practices**

2 (a) Outline **three** reasons why reciting Shahadah is important.

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(b) Explain **two** ways the Ten Obligatory Acts are understood in Sunni Islam.

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(c) Explain **two** ways Jummah prayer is performed.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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**Question 3: Sources of Wisdom and Authority**

**3** (a) Outline **three** Hadith collections.

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(b) Explain **two** significant events of Muhammad’s life in Madinah.

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**In this question, 3 of the marks awarded will be for your spelling, punctuation and grammar and your use of specialist terminology.**

\* (d) "Authority belongs to the family of Muhammad."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Muslim teachings
- refer to different Muslim points of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

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**Question 4: Forms of Expression and Ways of Life**

**4** (a) Outline **three** ways Shi'a Muslims encourage good acts.

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(b) Explain **two** ways poetry expresses Sufi beliefs.

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(c) Explain **two** teachings of the Sufi teacher Ibn al-Arabi.

In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.

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(d) "All Muslims should regularly practise dhikr."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you should:

- refer to Muslim teachings
- refer to different Muslim points of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

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