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General Certificate of Education

Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 6

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Islam in a Contemporary Context



ARE61

[ARE61] Assessment

Assessment Level of Control:

Tick the relevant box (✓)

TIME

2 hours.

Controlled Conditions	
Other	

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **two** questions from Section A and the compulsory question in Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

You are advised to take account of the marks for each part question in allocating the available examination time.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a)** “Allah is above all human understanding, yet knows all things.”
- With particular reference to this statement, examine what the Qur’an teaches about Allah. [20]
- (b)** Critically assess the view that the Articles of Faith found in the Qur’an make it easy for Muslims to submit to the will of Allah. [30]
- 2 (a)** Discuss the Shia teaching on the Hidden Imam and how this impacts on their understanding of Allah and Muhammad. [20]
- (b)** “The first four caliphs and modern Muslim leaders have failed to bring unity to the Muslim community.”
- Critically evaluate this claim. [30]
- 3 (a)** How does the Qur’an inform the Islamic understanding of marriage for women? [20]
- (b)** “The Islamic understanding of justice, law and punishment are unrealistic in the modern world.”
- Critically assess this claim. [30]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Conflict, Freedom of Belief and Orthodoxy

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) With reference to **one** example, discuss the reasons for challenges to religious orthodoxy. You must support your answer with reference to at least one other unit of study. [20]

- (b) “Debates over orthodoxy and heresy continue to divide religious communities.”

Critically assess this claim. You must refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [30]

