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**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY (AS)**  
General Certificate of Education

# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 6  
*assessing*  
An Introduction to Islam



SRE61

## [SRE61] Assessment

### TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

### Assessment Level of Control:

Tick the relevant box (✓)

Controlled Conditions	
Other	

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.  
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.  
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 **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Discuss how a Muslim prepares for Salat, and consider why personal and Friday prayer are important. [25]

- (b) "For a Muslim all of life is worship (ibadah)."

To what extent is this claim seen more in the observance of the Pillars than any other aspect of Islam? Justify your answer. [25]

- 2 (a) Explain how the rituals of Hajj and Eid ul Adha help Muslims to remember their religious history. [25]

- (b) "Islamic festivals, more than anything else, give Muslims a very clear sense of identity."

Assess this claim. Justify your answer. [25]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a)** “Muhammad demonstrated that he was a skilful prophet, preacher and military leader.”  
Examine the evidence for this statement. [25]
- (b)** With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate the view that the religious call is increasingly questioned in a secular age. Justify your answer. [25]
- 4 (a)** Discuss the importance of Sharia and the Law Schools in Islam. [25]
- (b)** With reference to other aspects of human experience, consider the view that, for the religious believer, living the perfect moral life is impossible. Justify your answer. [25]

