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Tuesday 13 May 2025

Morning (Time: 1 hour 45 minutes)

Paper reference **1RA0/1C**

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** teachings about the nature of al-Qadr.

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- (b) Explain **two** reasons why the nature of Allah as Merciful is important.

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(c) Explain **two** purposes of Muslim holy books.

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

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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) "Imamah is the most important Shi'a belief"**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

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

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(c) Explain **two** reasons greater Jihad is important in Islam.

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

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(d) "Ashura is a commemoration only for Shi'a Muslims."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

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

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Question 3: Sources of Wisdom and Authority

3 (a) Outline **three** reasons why the Hijrah from Makkah to Madinah was important.

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(b) Explain **two** beliefs about the family of Prophet Muhammad in the Ismaili tradition of Shi'a Islam.

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(c) Explain **two** examples of the use of analogy (qiyas) in Shari'ah.

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

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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) "The Qur'an is the only authority needed in Islam."**

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

- 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** understandings of the origins of Sufism.

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(b) Explain **two** different attitudes towards the use of music in Islam.

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(c) Explain **two** reasons the mosque is important in Islam.

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

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(d) "Calligraphy in a mosque is a distraction."

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against.

In your response you must:

- refer to Muslim teachings
- reach a justified conclusion.

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