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## Introduction

Unit 11 continues to be a popular option for both state schools and madrassahs.

This unit offers a wide-ranging exploration of the beliefs and practices of Muslims today. It invites students to study the nature of Islam and the way that it affects the lives of believers, especially in the UK.

The quality of the responses was good, with a wide range of performance-levels across the entry.

Maximum marks on the (a) questions were easily gained by learning the Edexcel glossary definitions and this is a constant feature throughout the paper. Candidates who had learnt them performed to a high standard.

Only the candidate's point of view is credited in (b) questions: there is no point explaining other people's views in this question. The easiest way to gain full marks is for candidates to concentrate on stating their opinion and writing two separate reasons for it, each in a distinct paragraph. Continue by developing each of the reasons with an example or a quotation.

Candidates can gain the higher mark within the level by writing coherently. This mark is the *Quality of Written Communication* (QWC) mark and is lost only if a candidate's writing is such that the response is not easily understandable by the examiner. The (c) questions test AO1 and so will either ask for candidates to 'Explain why' or to 'Explain how'.

Many of the (d) questions this year produced interesting answers. However, candidates should ensure that they start by stating their own view and reasons for it in (d) (i). They should give reasons why someone might hold a different view in (d) (ii), rather than confusing the two halves.

Teachers should be aware that templates used in the legacy specification will not work with the new questions. At least one of the reasons given in either (d) (i) or (d) (ii) must be explicitly religious, to go beyond three marks.

It should be noted that (d) questions on this unit can ask for the candidate to refer to either one religion (ie any religion), one religion other than Christianity, or can specify that Christianity is referred to.

Teachers who would like to learn more about the specification should attend one of the Edexcel INSETs, details of which can be found on the Edexcel website. Specific queries can be answered through *Ask the Expert*, which is also found on the Edexcel website.

## Question 1 (a) (b) (c) (d)

Q1 was not as popular as Q2 but those candidates who attempted it did well, especially on parts (a), (b), and (c).

Part (d) caused some difficulties for candidates who used the same argument in both (d) (i) and (d) (ii). For example, they would say that this life was more important because it was the preparation for Akhirah. Then they would say that some people would disagree with this, because they did not believe in a life-after-death and, consequently, this life was more important.

Write your answer here:

(a) Risalah is Muslims belief in the prophets.

(b) Yes I do think Shirk is the worst sin one can commit, <sup>commit</sup> <sup>you are saying</sup> As you are ascribing partners with Allah, this means that he is in need of someone else. But we as Muslims believe Allah is one and needs none. <sup>Also</sup> by committing shirk one is taken out of the fold of Islam as they break the shahadah (Testimony) when they first came into the religion and declared "There is no god but Allah" Allah says in the Quran that he "forgives all sins except shirk (ascribing partners with him)"

(c) Believing in the 3 other holy books apart from the Quran is important for Muslims as they are holy books sent by Allah as a guide for mankind to the prophets. The tawrat (Torah) was given to Musa (as) our prophet who came to teach his people about the way of life. The Zabur (Psalms) sent to Dawood (as) (David), And the Injil (Bible) sent to Isa (as) (Jesus). Even though



they have been tampered with throughout time they still hold a high status and we should respect them, as they are the books of Allah sent for mankind. They were given to the prophets in ~~which~~ <sup>who</sup> we believe in. Therefore it is important we give it respect and do not disrespect it despite the fact it's been tampered with.

(d) (i) Yes, I do agree with the statement as I believe that this life is a test from Allah and we are trying to follow the footsteps of Muhammad (saw) and the teachings of the Quran to try and achieve Jannah (Paradise) in this life hereafter. As a Muslim I believe that this life is only temporary and our final abode is <sup>Jannah</sup> what we are striving to achieve. The prophet (saw) in a hadith "This life is a paradise for the disbelievers and a prison for the believers." This is telling us that the disbelievers are enjoying the luxuries of this world now. However they shall be punished in the hereafter where as it is a prison for the believers as they ~~are~~ have restrictions in doing certain things and seeking enjoyment. In this way they will make a place for them selves <sup>of</sup> eternal enjoyment in Jannah (heaven).

(ii) ~~However~~ Some people may disagree with me as they may be Atheists and don't believe in a life after death, therefore they think they shall make the most of their lives and 'live life'. Also some may have the belief that their god is the most Forgiving and will show mercy upon them and forgive them for their wrong doings.



## ResultsPlus

### Examiner Comments

(a) This definition includes the word *belief*, which was necessary in order to gain 2 marks.

(b) This is a good example of a personal viewpoint with two developed reasons:

- *Ascribing partners with Allah.....saying he is in need of someone....* this is developed by the end of the answer....*unforgivable*. This development is linked by the word *ascribing*.
- *Taken out of the fold of Islam .....*developed by....*as they break the Shahadah*.

4 marks

(c) One developed reason and two brief reasons:

- *Sent by Allah.....* developed by....*as a guide to mankind*.
- *tawrat...to teach people about the way of life*.
- *given to the prophets who we believe in*.

Level 4

8 marks

(d) (i) Personal opinion: two reasons with one developed:

- *life is a test ...developed by.....trying to follow the teaching..... and achieve Jannah*
- *this life is temporary...our final abode... we are striving to achieve*

3 marks

(d) (ii) This does not answer the question.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) has considerable accuracy and the candidate has used a good range of specialist terms throughout this answer.

Level 2 - and a high level 2

SPAG +3



## ResultsPlus

### Examiner Tip

In (d) questions, candidates need to show a clear difference between their point of view, and that of the person disagreeing with them.

(a) Risalan is the beliefs in the Prophet, angles and books.

(b) ~~The beliefs in~~

Yes I do think that shirk is the worst sin. This is because shirk is to associate something with Allah, or worship something as well as Allah. Allah has mentioned in the Qur'an that shirk is a major sin which will never be forgiven by Allah. Muslims must respect and follow the Qur'an because it is the ~~g~~ words of Allah.

Furthermore, I do think that shirk is the worst sin because the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) did not do it and stayed well away from it. He said that shirk is one of the sins that Allah will never forgive. This makes it the worst sin. Muslims ~~must~~ <sup>should</sup> follow and respect the teachings of prophet Muhammad (SAW) because he is the best of all creation and should be followed as a role model.

(c) The belief in the holy books other than the Qur'an is important because they are all the books of Allah. This means that they are all Allah's words. Allah's words are final and always right which means Muslims must believe them.

The Prophet (SAW) says that Muslims must respect and believe that the injil, tawrat and zabur were once true and contained the truth. The Prophet (SAW) is the best of all of Allah's creation and so therefore must be followed and respected by Muslims as a role model.

The injil, tawrat and zabur still to this day do contain little bits of information which is true. This means

that Muslims should believe these facts. They do not necessarily have to believe it.

¶ The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) told Muslims to respect all other religions. Since the Injil, the Tawrat and the Zabur come under some of these religions they must be respected as well.

(d) (i) No, I do not agree that how you live now is more important than akhirah. This is because Allah has said that this life is for us to prepare for the akhirah. Allah's words must be respected and followed by all Muslims.

Also, the ~~akhirah~~ is this life is short but the life in the akhirah is everlasting and long. Which is why if this life is spent in the wrong way by not praying or fasting or doing the 5 pillars of Islam, then the life in akhirah will be full of struggle and pain. However, if this life is spent by struggling to do good deeds such as being a good Muslim, then the akhirah will be nice, blissful and full of peace. Which is why akhirah is more important.

(ii) People may disagree with me because they may say that this life is theirs and so it means they should be able to do whatever they want with it.

Also that they can always ask for ~~open~~ forgiveness to Allah and because He is merciful He will ~~for~~ give them.

or they can start praying and fasting and doing their five pillars when they get old and can no longer go out with friends and have fun.

(a) *Belief in the prophets* just achieves 2 marks. Without the idea of belief, this answer would be partially-correct

2 marks

(b) Two reasons, with one developed:

- The first part of the answer is very developed but can only be credited with 2 marks because it is all the same reason.
- The second paragraph gives another reason.....*Prophet Muhammed did not do it ...and then repeats the idea that it cannot be forgiven, so no development.*

3 marks

(c) Three reasons, with one developed:

- *...all books of Allah...developed by..Allahs words are final and always right which means Muslims must believe them*
- *The Prophet says Muslims must respect and believe*
- *...do contain little of information which is true*

Level 4

8 marks

(d) (i) Two reasons, with one developed:

- *Allah has said this life is to prepare for Akhirah*
- *This life is short..akhirah is everlasting*
- This last part develops the idea that Akhirah is more important, because it determines what you do in this life.

3 marks

(d) (ii) Three reasons:

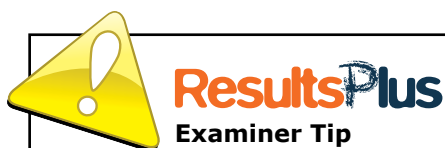
- *This life is theirs ....to do whatever they want with it*
- *Always ask for forgiveness*
- *Start praying when they get old*

3 marks

SPaG has considerable accuracy, with a good range of specialist terms

Level 2 and a high level 2.

SPaG + 3 marks



Many candidates did not appreciate the clue as to which holy books were meant by the names in the brackets, and unfortunately wrote about the hadith and sunnah of the Prophet.

Write your answer here:

(a) risalah is the muslim belief about the prophet of Allah.

(b) I think shirk is the worst sin because this is ~~forbiden~~ not allowed in Islam. Shirk is giving Allah partners and being one with Allah. this is not allowed as Allah is one and only.

I also think shirk is ~~not at~~ the worst sin because in the qur' Quran it clearly states Shirk is a unforgivable sin. ~~Many~~ Allah cannot have any partners as he is omni-potent and created the universe. ~~how~~ because of this ~~Allah cannot have an~~ shirk is the worst sin.

(c) The belief in holy books other than the Qur'an (Tawrat, Zabur, Injil) is important to muslims: firstly it is important because they are all ~~book~~ holy books from Allah. The holy books from Allah must be treated equally and are all important as there is a reason why Allah revealed these books.



Secondly these are all holy books that Allah gave to other religions to follow, for example the Holy book quran is been sent for muslims to follow.

finally they are all import because they these Holy books have teachings wich muslims can follow as they are sacret so they must be treated with care.

(d) (i) I disagree with this statement because firstly I ~~to~~ any ~~many~~ other muslims belive this life is a test, In the quran it says "We shall all go back to our lord at one point in this life" this teaches us that after we die we will return to god and will need to answer to him.

Secondly I disagree because this life is not eternal you will have to die one day, the quran teaches us that there is heaven and hell if we live our lifes good we will go heaven, the life after is for eternal so <sup>i belive is</sup> more important.

(ii) Some people may disagree with me because firstly they may not belive in life after death, this will make them belive that there is only one life and you must enjoy it.

~~They~~ Some people may also disagree because they may ~~be at~~ not be good muslims, and not believe in life after death, which may result them to give more importance to this life rather than akhirah.



## ResultsPlus

### Examiner Comments

(a) This is the correct definition, ignoring the spelling mistakes.

2 marks

(b) Two developed reasons and clearly the candidate's point of view:

- *...giving Allah partners is not allowed....developed by ...as Allah is one and only*
- *The Qur'an clearly states shirk is an unforgivable sin - in this statement, the reason comes after the development.*

4 marks

(c) Three reasons with one developed:

- *...they are all holy books from Allah developed by....as there is a reason why Allah revealed these books*
- *Allah gave them for other religions to follow*
- *they have teachings which Muslims can follow as they are sacred*

8 marks

(d) (i) One reason and one developed reason:

- The first part of this answer is unclear but by saying.....*we shall go back to our Lord*, the candidate is implying that akhirah is more important, which agrees with the second paragraph.

3 marks

(d) (ii) Here, the candidate gives two reasons with one developed, as to why some people might disagree with the second paragraph that was credited in (d) (i):

- *May not believe in life after death....developed by...believe there is only one life and you must enjoy it*
- *May not be good Muslims and not believe in life after death*

SPaG has considerable accuracy

Good range of specialist terms

Level 2 - however, not at the top of this level, due to a number of spelling mistakes

2 marks



## Question 2 (a) (b) (c) (d)

This question was very popular, although many candidates did not know what al-Qadar meant, and so lost marks.

Answers to (d) showed good understanding of Islamic teaching, as well as of some of the environmental problems that are facing the world.

- ~~Q2(a)~~ The Quran is the holy Islamic book, it has all the muslim beliefs int..
- (b) Yes I do think Allah<sup>sw</sup>'s merciful and compassionate because he (Allah<sup>sw</sup>) has said he will forgive all except shirk. Every muslim can be forgiven unless they associate partners with Allah. All we as muslims need to do is ask for forgiveness. In the Quran Allah (sw) clearly states that all is forgivable if you ask for forgiveness except shirk. Allah (sw) has given us a beautiful world but we do not take advantage of it. ~~Yes~~ Yes <sup>can be</sup> It's a test sometimes but we need to stay strong.
- (c) Al-Qadar is important because we as muslims need to stay strong we need to show that we are not afraid to go in battle for Allah. In many ways. Yes only Allah knows our fate but we need to discover it for ourselves but we can only do that if we are strong

and stay high as muslims  
take everything in our stride and  
aim for Al'Jannah every muslim  
on this earth needs to show ~~his~~  
there ability to show there strongmen  
about them in different ways. In  
the ~~Quran~~ <sup>Hadith</sup> it says that every  
a al-Qadr is important for muslims  
because it shows the non-fearless.

(d) (i) Yes I do agree because I <sup>believe</sup> ~~belief~~  
that if we as ~~are~~ the most growing  
religion ~~do~~ helps out the world it  
will send a great example to  
non-muslims whom could think what  
if they are correct they are helping  
save the world in their own ways.

The world is beautifully created from  
Allah but humans are destroying it  
so why cant we put in effort  
to help it rather than destroy it.

In the Quran it says "The world is beautiful  
so why are we destroying it. <sup>we as muslims should</sup> do that much more than

non-  
muslims

(iii) Some people may disagree with  
me and say why should we  
care for the world when non-believers  
are destroying it they should live  
in the world they ~~make~~ create  
if they destroy it why  
should we help care for it.

~~if you non-believers~~ yes we as muslims

can help the world but  
so should non-believers because  
they also destroy it.



## ResultsPlus

### Examiner Comments

(a) Correct definition

2 marks

(b) One developed reason

2 marks

(c) One reason:

- Only Allah knows our fate

2 marks

(d) (i) Two reasons:

- *send a great example to non-muslims*
- *Allah created a beautiful world*

2 marks

(d) (ii) One reason:

- *If they destroy it why should we help care for it*

SPaG has considerable accuracy

Good range of specialist terms

Level 2 - not at the top of this level due to a number of spelling mistakes and words missing

SPaG + 2 marks



## ResultsPlus

### Examiner Tip

Candidates who learn to leave a space between their two reasons appear to avoid repetition.

Write your answer here:

(a) the Quran is muslims holy book and the final revelation from Allah.

(b) I agree that Allah is merciful and compassionate because the prophet muhammad has ~~said~~ said that and talked about it though the hadith ~~and~~ this is important because muhammad ~~was~~ is the sealed prophet.

I agree that Allah is merciful and compassionate because its written in the Quran and the Quran is the final revelation from Allah.

(c) I agree that believing in al-Qader is important for muslims because Allah is ~~omni~~ omnipotent there for he can do what he ~~want~~ want this for muslims believe in al-Qader.

~~I agree that al-Qader~~ <sup>believing in</sup> is important  
I agree that believing in al-Qader is important for muslims because ~~it~~ its written in the Quran and the Quran is the word of Allah.

I agree that being in al-Quds is important for Muslims because Muslims believe that we are here for a test ~~this~~ for ~~because~~ in al-Quds.

I agree that being in al-Quds is important for Muslims because the Prophet Muhammad was ~~believed~~ in al-Quds ~~here~~ for this is ~~important~~ important because Muhammad is the sealed prophet.

~~I agree with~~ I agree that al-Quds is important for Muslims Allah is omniscient ~~this~~ for he knows what's good and bad for you.

(d) (i) I agree with this statement because the world belongs to Allah and we should care about his ~~creation~~ <sup>creation</sup>.

I agree with this statement because it's written in the Quran.

I agree with this statement because Muslims should be a role model for people.

(ii) Some one might disagree with this statement because they live in the world and they have to care about it. Some one might disagree with this statement because they don't believe in religions or holy books (Atheist).

Some might disagree with this statement  
because they don't want to look  
(dirty) for for care about the world



## ResultsPlus

### Examiner Comments

(a) Correct definition

2 marks

(b) Two simple reasons:

- *Muhammed said it and he was the sealed prophet*
- *it is written in the Qur'an, the final word of Allah*

2 marks

(c) Two reasons were credited but there is no indication in this answer that the candidate knows what 'al-qadar' is.

- *In the Qur'an*
- *Prophet Muhammad believed in it*

Level 2

4 marks

(d) (i) Three reasons:

- *The world belongs to Allah and we should care for his creation*
- *In the Qur'an*
- *Muslims should be a role model for people*

3 marks

(d) (ii) Two reasons:

- *they live in the world and they have to care for it*
- *Don't believe in religions*

2 marks

SPaG has considerable accuracy and there is a good range of specialist terms

Level 2 - not at the top of this level due to a number of spelling mistakes and words missing

SPaG + 2 marks



(a) That which is read or recited / The holy book of Islam

(b) I do as ~~many~~ people sin a lot, <sup>unintentionally</sup> so if Allah wasn't merciful and compassionate, <sup>He wouldn't forgive them, so</sup> people would feel there is no hope of getting to heaven, so they would just sin anyway as it is easier and being good won't get them anywhere.

Also, ~~if~~ if Allah wasn't merciful and compassionate, people would <sup>only</sup> be fearful of Him. As He is, people love Him as He is so kind, so it brings people closer to Allah in their worship.

(c) Belief in Al-Qadar is important as it gives Muslims hope in the world. There are many things that happen which people get upset about, but knowing that Allah is in control makes people feel better as Allah does what is best for Muslims.

Also, if a Muslim wants/needs something, believing in Al-Qadar means they know they can pray to Allah for that as He can control what happens in the future, and therefore help make this happen if it is good for them.

Thirdly, ~~if~~ <sup>if</sup> anything happens in the world which is worrying, people know Allah is ~~not~~ controlling this so they trust ~~in Him~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~He will~~ to make the best decision ~~for~~ what is good for everyone.

Finally, it makes people ~~more~~ concentrate more <sup>in prayer</sup> as they are praying ~~to~~ Allah who will control their future, so if they want a good future, they should pray to Allah for forgiveness and what they want so Allah is happy with them ~~and~~ and grants them their wish.

(d) (i) I disagree with this statement as Allah has given the world to everyone, not just Muslims, so everybody should care for the world as they are living in it and using its resources.

Also, if only Muslims cared for the world, there would be chaos as most governments don't have a Muslim leader, so pollution levels would be very high as no-one would care for the world.

Finally, it is everyone's children, not just Muslim children who will experience the world, so we need to take care of it so they have a good life in a clean <sup>world</sup>.

(ii) Some people may disagree with me because Muslims have been told in the Qur'an that they should care for the world by Allah, but others haven't, so they have more responsibility.



*Also, other people may<sup>not</sup> believe in afterlife, so they don't care what happens to the world, so Muslims have a special responsibility to make up for these people's careless acts.*



## ResultsPlus

### Examiner Comments

(a) Mark scheme definition

2 marks

(b) Two developed reasons:

- *if people sin and Allah wouldn't forgive them ..no hope of getting into heaven...developed by...just sin*
- *easier....won't get them anywhere because he is loving.....developed by...closer to Allah....*

4 marks

(c) Four reasons:

- *gives hope*
- *feel better because Allah is in control*
- *pray knowing he can make it happen if its good for them*
- *anything worrying happens, you can trust Allah to make the best decision*

Level 4

8 marks

(d) (i) One developed reason and one simple reason

- *Allah given the world to everyone.....developed by....as they are living in it and using its resources*
- *Everyone's children who will experience it*

(d) (ii) Three reasons:

- *Muslims told in the Quran but others haven't*
- *Don't care what happens..Muslims make up for this*
- *Commanded by Allah*

3 marks

SPaG has considerable accuracy

Good range of specialist terms

Level 2 and a high level 2

SPaG + 3 marks



## ResultsPlus

### Examiner Tip

Candidates who write using paragraphs give clearer answers and also gain more SPaG marks.

### Question 3 (a)

Most candidates answered this well. A few mixed 'imam' with 'iman'.

- (a) ~~an~~ An imam is someone who leads the prayer in the Mosque and ~~teaches~~ teaches the Quran to his students.
- (b) I think Muhammad is the last prophet because there were thousands of prophets who gave out a message and Muhammad gave out the last message & everyone got that message so there was no need



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A good definition



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Examiner Tip

Learn the glossary definition to be sure of two marks.

- (a) An Imam is the Muslim believer which leads the prayer.
- (b) ~~many opinion~~ I think that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is the 'seal of the Prophets' because he is the one and only last Prophet that Allah has sent down to find Islam and spread it.



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Correct definition

### Question 3 (b) (c) (d)

This question was the most popular in this section and was answered well.

Candidates had a clear understanding of the role of Muhammad and the importance of the Qur'an.

(b) Yes, I do think that Muhammad (saw) is the Seal of the prophets. Because we declare in the Shahadah (the testimony) "there is no god but Allah and Muhammad (saw) is his messenger". Even though we know there are many prophets the prophet Muhammad (saw) is mentioned here as he was the last and final prophet. He is known as the 'Khatamun-nabiyyin' last of the prophets. Also the prophet (saw) said "There shall be no prophets after" we take this hadith as evidence that he came to seal the message of all the prophets and there will be none after him.

(c) The Qur'an has supreme authority over Muslims as it is the book of Allah sent as a guide to mankind. It is the manual on how to live life as a perfect Muslim. It teaches us everything from what to eat ~~and~~ to the earnings you should earn, to the rights of a Muslim. The Qur'an also has supreme authority over Muslims as it has not been tampered with since the day it was revealed. So the direct message from Allah ~~is~~ remains with us unchanged. Allah says in the Qur'an "I shall protect this book until the last day." Also the Qur'an was revealed over a period of 23 years to Muhammad (saw). This shows how important it is as it took 23 years to compile.

(d) (i) Yes, I think Shari'ah law is the best law to follow as the Shari'ah law is based on the Qur'an and its teachings. This means by following the Shari'ah law one is able to make the right choice according to the Qur'an ~~and~~. Also if everyone followed the Shari'ah law they would all be following one law which is based on the holy book. In this way they would be rewarded as they are acting upon the words of ~~god~~ Allah.

(ii) Some people may disagree with me as they may believe that it's important to follow the law of your own country and ~~not~~ not the Shariah law, as this could cause conflict and problems in the community. Also others may say that following the Shariah ~~law~~ will be hard as times have changed so we can't live and follow the rules that were made 1000 years ago. They may think we need to move with the time and try to adjust ourselves. Also many people may not believe in the Quran therefore won't feel the need to follow it.



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**Examiner Comments**

(b) Personal viewpoint with two developed reasons:

- *mentioned in the Shahdah because he was the last and final prophet*
- *there shall be no prophets after.....Hadith as evidence he came to seal the message of all the prophets*

4 marks

(c) One fully comprehensive reason:

- *Book of Allah.....developed by...guide to mankind.. developed by...untampered direct message.....developed by...protected by Allah*

Level 4

8 marks

(d) (i) Personal opinion with three reasons:

- *based on the Qur'an*
- *one is able to make the right choice*
- *one is rewarded for acting on the words of Allah*

(di) (ii) Three reasons given against:

- *follow the laws of the country*
- *too hard as times have changed*
- *does not believe in the Qur'an*

- (b) • you i do think that Muhammad is the seal of prophets because, seal is what's used for something to be closed and never opened which is similar to the prophet because he is the last prophet and there is going to be no other/more prophets after him.
- My second reason for thinking that Muhammad is the seal of the prophets because it is said that Muhammad is the last prophet in Islam.
- (c) • The Qur'an has supreme authority because firstly and most importantly it's the direct words written/said by Allah which means it's true.
- The second reason for why the Qur'an has supreme authority for Muslims is that it teaches them the way of life and how it should be lived. now this has authority over Muslims because they have to follow what is said in the Qur'an because it's the way of life.
- Thirdly because it gives Muslims a much wider range of knowledge about Islam which means they know everything about Islam. the positive of this is that it somewhat makes them a teacher because they teach it to their children and can teach it to non-Muslims which can mainly lead to them converting.
- Another reason in which it has supreme authority for Muslims is that it has never ever been changed or altered which means that it is the truest and largest religion that has been out.
- Also a reason for it's authority is that it teaches the Muslims about the prophet's life and makes them want to follow his actions because of how great he was/is.

(d) (i) My reasons to agree

- people think Shari'ah law is the best law out there
- believe in Shari'ah law the most
- wisdom and it's the way forward
- Shari'ah law is supreme

(ii) Some people may disagree with me because

- They are not muslim and don't believe in Shari'ah law
- They don't follow any law only their mind
- They find a better law and prefer to follow that one



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

(b) Personal viewpoint with one developed reason. The last paragraph is repetition.

- Last prophet and no others after him

(c) Four reasons:

- Direct words of Allah....
- Teaches the way of life
- Increases knowledge
- Never been changed

Level 4

8 marks

(d) (i) No reasons given

The candidate makes random statements about shari'ah law.

(d) (ii) Two reasons given for disagreement:

- *Don't believe in Shariah law*
- *Find a better law*

2 marks



(b) Yes I think Muhammad is the seal of the Prophets because Allah has sent many messengers before him but these messages had been distorted or changed, so Muhammad was given the final message from God which has never been altered, it is the word of the Qur'an. No Prophet can ever come after the Prophet Muhammad because Muhammad is the final messenger who ~~has given~~ <sup>was given</sup> the ~~last~~ <sup>last</sup> message that guides all Muslims today. He is the greatest messenger of all the messengers.

(c) It has supreme authority for Muslims because the Qur'an is the direct word of God sent through angels. Some people say it's a heavenly original and an earthly copy. The Qur'an contains the truth and is a guide to all Muslims today, it has never been altered or changed like the other holy books sent before. There are many teachings which help Muslims make decisions today <sup>and</sup> the ulama interpret them to ~~use~~ <sup>use</sup> it in today's society. The words are written in Arabic, and it can't be translated as it loses its power and changes its meaning. The five pillars of Islam, dress laws, ~~and~~ stories, Heaven and the Hereafter are all in the Qur'an. The Qur'an is the word of God and

God is ~~the~~ All-Powerful, ~~He~~ is the one who understands everything and gives life meaning and purpose. The Qur'an will make you into a perfect Muslim if you follow it's rules and you will go to Heaven. Praying the Qur'an is *ibadah*, an act of worship. You are given great reward by praying it. It prevents you from committing *sin* if you follow it and gives life understanding.

(d) (i) ~~The~~ Yes because the Shariah Law is the Islamic Law which is followed by all Muslims making all Muslims into an *umman*. ~~The~~ The rules are made from the Qur'an, <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~ Hadith of the Prophet Muhammad. Following these rules will stop you from committing *haram* acts and makes you into a better Muslim, as you know what is right and ~~not~~ wrong.



(ii) Some people may disagree with me because it is hard to fit in Sharian law in today's society especially in the UK as we have to follow the British law. It prevents you from being the perfect Muslim because of the environment such as it is difficult to pray sajan during school because it disrupts lessons and education.



## ResultsPlus

### Examiner Comments

(b) Two reasons with one developed:

- *messages distorted....developed by....Muhammed given final message*
- *Muhammad is the final messenger*

This second reason is not developed because the end of this statement...*was given the last message* is a repeat of the first reason and the development ...*guides all Muslims today....* is a further development of that.

3 marks

(c) Four reasons:

- *direct word of God*
- *guide to all Muslims today*
- *never been altered or changed*
- *gives life meaning and purpose*

Level 4

8 marks

(d) (i) Three basic reasons:

- *making all Muslims into a ummah*
- *rules from the Qur'an*
- *stop you committing haram*

3 marks

(d) (ii) One developed reason:

- *hard to fit into today's society so could prevent you being a perfect Muslim*

2 marks

## Question 4 (a)

Many candidates mis-read Shi'ah for Sha'riah.

In order to achieve two marks, candidates needed to give a clear indication of where Shi'ias differed from other groups.

- (a) The Shi'ah are a party different to Sunnis because they think that Ali (RA) should<sup>have</sup> been Khalifah before Abu Bakr.
- (b) Every one should follow the Shariah Law because the prophet Muhammad (SAW) taught us how it and how to use it and how to apply it in our daily lives.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

Correct information  
2 marks



### ResultsPlus Examiner Tip

Use the mark scheme to ascertain what the examiner is looking for.

- (a) Shi'ah are one muslim's and believe that Muhammad was not the last prophet of Allah.
- (b) I think that everyone should not follow the Shariah law because they don't believe that Muhammad was Allah's last



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

This is not correct.

In order to get two marks in this question, the candidate needs to differentiate between Muslims.

Candidates needed to show that Shi'ah believe Ali was the only rightly-guided caliph.

- (a) Muslims who believe that the whilst Ali was rightly guided.
- (b) Yes, as the Shariah law is based on the Quran and Sunnah and these are the words of our lord and of our holy prophet Muhammad (saw). In addition, this is the law that our prophet Muhammad followed as he lived his life, which ~~is~~ makes it evident how impor-



**ResultsPlus**  
Examiner Comments

Partially-correct, as all Muslims believe Ali was rightly-guided.  
1 mark

#### Question 4 (b) (c) (d)

The confusion between Shariah and Shi'ah in 4(b) prevented candidates from gaining full marks in this question.

Many candidates described the actions of Sufis, without explaining why there are different attitudes to Sufi worship.

(b)

I don't think every one should follow the Shari'ah law because it is just completely wrong the way they treat the people it's not right if you do one thing wrong or ~~much~~ make a mistake you will get really bad punishment and you won't be forgiven just say you were poor and you had no money for food and just look a bread your hands will be chopped off.

(c) Sufi worship is just completely wrong people who worship like that just should not worship at all there is a difference between worshipping to Allah when you pray to Allah your mind should be free nothing left in it and you concentrate but the Sufi people it's is not like that they will all get together and start dance and singing there mind is just all of things that is not called praying that is more like taking the mind

cut for of pray people who do that should not pray at all because you are there to Allah the mighty of all people we should all bow down and pray not jump around like it's fun or busy a good time no we should be praying our heads down because we are small to Allah we are all the same no matter how.

(d) (i) The Quran is the most important to muslims because it is a holy book that our prophet wrote. This is no normal book that you can just free anywhere now you have to treat it with respect before touching the Quran you will have to do wudu which is when you clean your self wash your hand face feet and ears so you are perfectly clean the Quran tells you how to live with faith to go to and with just every one reads it even is you are five years old you still have to read with respect.

(ii) people who are not muslim they might disagree this because they will look at the Quran like it's a normal book there is nothing special about it it's the same as the bible they both look the same both tell's us about how to live treat the others and what to do at

not to do so what's different about it  
 all it is that the writing are different  
 and you got's have to be clean and  
 that's best beside that nothing is different.



## **ResultsPlus** **Examiner Comments**

(b) Personal opinion with one developed reason:

- *completely wrong how they treat people...developed by.....example of punishment*

2 marks

(c) One reason:

- *bow down and pray not jump around*

Level 1

2 marks

(d) (i) Two basic reasons:

- *holy book of our Prophet*
- *tells you how to live*

2 marks

(d) (ii) Three basic reasons:

- *People who are not Muslim might disagree*
- *its a normal book*
- *it like the Bible*

2 marks



(b) I don't think that everyone should follow shari'ah law.

My first reason for this opinion is that not everyone is a Muslim. Sharia foundations of shari'ah law are based on the Qur'an and the sunnah. If people don't believe in Islam then they shouldn't have to follow these.

The second reason for this opinion is ~~there are things in shari'ah law that only apply to Muslims such as Zakaat~~ is that people who follow other religions such as Christianity or Judaism or Hinduism may feel it is against their rights to follow the law of a different religion as they would be going against their God.

(c) There are different attitudes to Sufi worship. Some believe in it, others feel it is not the true way to worship Allah.

Firstly, Sufis believe that their form of worship has more spiritual ~~use~~ meaning so that through music and dance they connect more with God.

Secondly, they believe that through music and dance Sufis are expressing their religion in a way that is more ~~beneficial~~ ~~benefit~~ pleases Allah more than it does for them ~~a sort~~ as they are not just praying to get judged well on the day of judgment.

Non-Sufi Muslims may disagree with this

as they feel it is a dangerous form of worship. This is because it is not they way that Allah intended them to worship and they should always do as Allah commands.

Also, non-Sufi Muslims believe that music is banned in the Quran so therefore Sufi worship is going against Allah's wishes even more.

(d) (i) I do agree that the Quran is the most important guide for Muslims.

The first reason for my opinion is that the Quran is the pure, untainted word of Allah and as Allah is their God the Quran should be the most important guide.

Secondly, the Muslim religion is based on the Quran. The Quran is the words that were revealed to Muhammad. Without the Quran there would be no Islam. Therefore the Quran should be the most important guide for Muslims.

(ii) Some people may disagree with me. Firstly, they may think that the Quran is old and that can't be interpreted to most of a Muslim's modern day life. Therefore, the more up to date Shariah laws should be what the most important guide for Muslims.

Secondly, Muhammad was the biggest interpreter of the Quran and he sees the real truth in it as when it was revealed to



him, therefore it is the sunnah they should follow and use Muhammad as a role model as he was the true Muslim



## ResultsPlus

### Examiner Comments

(b) Two developed reasons:

- *based on Qur'an and Sunnah....developed by...if don't believe in Islam shouldn't have to follow these*
- *other religions may feel it is against their rights ...developed by...going against their God*

4 marks

(c) Four attitudes:

- Connect more with God
- Pleases Allah
- Dangerous because not the way Allah intended
- Music is banned in the Qur'an so going against Allah's wishes

Level 4

8 marks

(d) (i) One developed and one basic reason:

- *Qur'an is pure untainted word of Allah...developed by....Allah is God ..so should be important*
- *without Qur'an there would be no Islam*

3 marks

(d) (ii) One basic and one developed reason:

- *can't be interpreted shariah should be more important*
- *Muhammed was the biggest interpreter of Qur'an ..developed by...so follow Sunnah and Muhammed's example*

3 marks

(b) Yes, even though it is only based for muslims <sup>to follow</sup> it does have some principles that everyone should follow. Also

Also it is a guidance that has been made by using the sunnah & ~~Quran~~ Quran, so is advice that is very useful, & is also very current to the relevant issues of today, like abortion.

It can help people who find themselves in tough situations, & they don't know what to do, as it can give guidance & support.

(c) Sufi worshippers believe that their type of worship is closest to those of the prophet Muhammad's. They believe that worshipping Allah in this way brings them closer to Allah.

Sufi worshippers also believe that, by not following the basic rules of Islam, they are brought closer to Allah, as instead of focusing on all the rules, they focus on their love for Allah.

Sufi worshippers also believe that their relationship with Allah is a spiritual one, & they believe that this brings them close to Allah.

However, other muslims believe that this type of worship is dangerous. ~~They~~ Other muslims believe that you should only worship Allah through the 5 pillars.

Lastly some muslims believe that all instruments are forbidden by the Qur'an, so again they believe that Sufi worshippers' way of worshipping is dangerous.

(d) (i) I agree with this statement as I am a muslim, & I believe that the Qur'an is the direct word of Allah, & gives everyone direct guidance on how one should live their life.

Also the Qur'an ~~book~~ is the only <sup>true</sup> holy book, as none of the meaning has been lost through translation as it has been kept in ~~that~~ <sup>the</sup> same language throughout time.

Lastly, the ~~rest~~ ~~the~~ first part of the Qur'an was given to the prophet Muhammad, even though he was illiterate, & shows it was the <sup>great</sup> first miracle of Islam & was the direct word of Allah.

(ii) Some people may disagree with me & say that the Shari'ah law is more important. They may believe this, as it is still based on the Qur'an & the Sunnah, so has guidance from both books.

Also it addresses problems that are relevant in our society today that ~~the~~ the Qur'an has not given specific advice over, so is still important.

It gives advice & help, where the Qur'an does not,  
It helps to be current in all situations, ~~not~~ giving  
a guide to all muslims in current issues



## ResultsPlus

### Examiner Comments

(b) Personal viewpoint with two reasons, one developed:

- *even though based for Muslims does have some principles for everyone*
- *made using sunnah and Qur'an....developed by....advice that is very useful*

3 marks

(c) Four attitudes:

- *Closest to Prophet Muhammad*
- *Focus on love for Allah*
- *....worship is dangerous*
- *....instruments are forbidden in the Qur'an*

Level 4

8 marks

(di) One developed and one simple reason:

- *direct word of God...developed by ...guidance on how should live their life.*
- *only book none of meaning lost*

3 marks

(d) (ii) Three reasons saying that Shariah is more important:

- *shariah better as based on both books*
- *qur'an not given specific advice*
- *guidance in current issues*

3 marks

(b) ~~No because not everyone is a sh~~  
yes because it's the Islamic law  
courts and the judge tells you all  
the right and wrong things. Also  
to get a ~~div~~ divorce you have to  
go into the shari'ah law courts.

(c) There are different attitudes the way  
Sufis worship. Because unlike all  
the groups for example Sunni, Shi'ah  
Sufis worship to Allah in a completely

different way they wear these white  
dress robes these special hats and spin  
around chanting to Allah this is  
their way of worshipping to  
Allah.

However the reason why there are  
different attitudes is because they  
are like singing to Allah and in Islam  
you should pray straight forward not  
to whirl around and have drums in  
the background.

(d) (i) I agree because  
- Tells you what's right and wrong  
- Helps you lead on the straight path  
- The prophet first recited the words  
from the Quran so we follow it,

(ii) some people may disagree because some muslims don't follow everything that's in the Qur'an  
don't believe all in the same thing  
there are different groups to believe in different things.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

(b) Does not answer the question

(c) One reason:

- *They like singing and you should pray straight forward*

(d) (i) Three reasons:

- *tells you right from wrong*
- *helps you on straight path*
- *prophet first recited it so we follow it*

(d) (ii) One reason:

- *don't all believe the same thing*



## Question 5 (a)

Most candidates had a good knowledge of the Shahadah.

- (a) Shahadah is the ~~testimony~~ <sup>testimony</sup> which Muslims make <sup>in order</sup> to correct their beliefs about Allah and His Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him.
- (b) I think giving zakah makes a Muslim a better person as Allah is their provider, therefore in order to show some gratitude they should spend in the way of Allah by giving zakah which makes them a better person as they are helping those who are less.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

Testimony = declaration, so correct definition  
2 marks



### ResultsPlus Examiner Tip

Use the glossary and the mark scheme to ensure full marks on (a) questions.

- (a) shahadah is to declare that there is only one God and that Muhammad is His messenger. To submit yourself to Allah.
- (b) Yes I do think giving zakah makes a Muslim a better person. This is because by giving zakah, Muslims are helping their unfortunate brothers and sisters in Islam. In the Quran, Allah says that Muslims must give zakah and that it is one of the five pillars of Islam. The Quran is the words



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

Good full definition

- (a) it is one of the pillars of Islam.
- (b) yes if it's hard <sup>earned</sup> and ~~haram~~ <sup>halal</sup> money because you are helping others in need so of course it does. In the Quran it says "you should give 25% of your ~~earnings~~ earnings"



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**Examiner Comments**

Not a full definition

This could refer to any of the five pillars, so there is no real evidence that the candidate knows what the Shadahah is.

1 mark

### Question 5 (b) (c) (d)

This question was well-answered, with some excellent, thoughtful responses to 5 (d). However, a number of candidates misread the question as "money spent on hajj could be better used" and consequently lost marks.

(b) I do think Zakah makes a Muslim a better person because giving Zakah is one of the 5 pillars of Islam. And it is compulsory if you can afford it. It also brings you closer to Allah and may make you feel like a better Muslim as you are giving money to the poor and may feel that God is going to reward you in the hereafter. Also it makes a Muslim a better person because they are following the rules Allah has told them and it is also stated in the Quran that one should give money to the poor.

(c) Fasting has benefits for ~~and~~ Muslims because fasting is also another 5 pillars of Islam & (Islam) people fast to show what times were like when ~~prophet~~ prophet (saw) died

it, and it ~~also~~ also gives Muslims experience of what prophet Muhammad (saw) (pbuh) had to go through. Fasting also has benefits because Muslims know that they will be rewarded in the hereafter for fasting and showing faith in Islam. Another reason could be that it is a very holy time of month which Muslim families prepare for and get ready for, and to ~~also~~ understand what times were like

When prophet ~~has~~ Muhammad (saw) (pbuh) used to go through in times of hardship and also Muslims will be grateful for what they have e.g. food and show sorrow for people who wouldn't have food. Also fasting is a time of month where everyone becomes generous and will give a large amount of money in Zakah to help the poor. Fasting may also re-increase their faith and beliefs in Islam.

(d) (i) I highly disagree ~~with~~ with this saying because ~~has~~ going on Hajj is one of the 5 pillars of Islam and everybody should go Hajj when they have the time to. Hajj is ~~a~~ not a waste of time because Muslims go Hajj to go through the different stages and to show that they have completed one of the 5 pillars of Islam. Hajj can bring a Muslim closer to God and feel very contented whilst going on Hajj.

(ii) & however some people may disagree with me because they may believe going on Hajj would cost a lot of money and would just be a waste of time because they can accomplish more in life without

going to Hajj. Also people may believe that instead of going on Hajj they can just do Ibadah (Worship) from home instead of wasting money on how to go on Hajj.



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**Examiner Comments**

(b) Two developed reasons:

- *compulsory... developed by the end of the answer... following the rules Allah has told you*
- *brings you closer to Allah.. developed by... giving money to the poor*

4 marks

(c) Four reasons:

- rewarded in the hereafter
- will be grateful
- everyone becomes generous
- re-invigorate their faith

Level 4

8 marks

(d) (i) Three reasons:

- *is one of the Five Pillars*
- *go through stages to show they have completed*
- *closer to God*

3 marks

(d) (ii) Two reasons:

- *accomplish more*
- *worship instead*

2 marks



**ResultsPlus**

**Examiner Tip**

It is better if candidates keep their reason and the development together.



(b) I do think that Zakah makes a Muslim a better person because it purifies one's wealth as mentioned in the hadith.

It is mentioned in the Quran 'is an act of ~~generous~~ generosity to give Zakah. You will realise you are a better individual by caring for other people, children, orphans, widows etc.

Fasting has ben

(c) Fasting has benefits for Muslims as it is rewarding, your deeds will increase ~~and you will~~ and is for your benefit, the here-after.

While Muslims are fasting they are remembering Allah (SWT) because of their starvation and the blessing he has given them in this world.

It also develops self control, by not eating ~~and~~ drinking and have sexual intercourse. It is a sort of guidance for Muslims.



It develops unity between Muslims, by coming together during their fast and Salah prayers (taraweeh).

Finally, it is the sunnah of the prophet Muhammad (Saw) and he advised us to fast even outside ramadhan.

(d) (i)

I disagree, because when a muslim goes to hajj he has all his sins for-given just like a newborn baby.

It promotes racial-harmony, by many different races coming together and worshipping Allah (Swt.)

~~the~~ Muslims have come to this world to worship Allah and that should be our first priority. If you have not been to Hajj, you have to go.

(ii)

Some people may disagree, because they financially cannot go to hajj. They haven't got enough wealth to go hajj.

Secondly, They might argue that they have free will and have the right not to go.

Some Muslims have other ~~plans~~ plans that they use the excuse of. For example, to visit their mother.

"...To make your mother happy is worth three times as much as Hajj..." Hadith - to the nearest saying.



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### Examiner Comments

(b) Two reasons with one developed:

- purifies ones wealth act of generosity..... proving you are a better individual
- caring for children.....

3 marks

(c) Four reasons:

- *Your deeds will increase for your benefit, the hereafter*
- *Develops self-control*
- *Remembering Allah*
- *Unites the ummah*

Level 4

8 marks

(d) (i) Three reasons:

- *sins forgiven*
- *racial harmony*
- *first priority is to worship*

3 marks

(d) (ii) One reason, developed:

- *...other plans.....developed by.....quotation*

I think giving Zakah will make a muslim a better person because giving zakah is like saving a person's life, because zakah is giving money to the poor because if there is a rich muslim earning then they need to give 2.5% of their earnings to zakah, this makes a muslim a better person because they are doing something which is saving a person's life.

(c)

Fasting has loads of benefits for muslims one is that when a muslim is fasting they are not doing it for themselves but doing it for the sake of Allah.

Another reason why fasting can benefit the muslim life is that it shows when a muslim is fasting and never eats all day it shows how poor people around the world are suffering and poor. This gives an idea of muslims attitude to poor people.

(d) (i) I disagree with this statement because going Hajj will give you the chance to ask for forgiveness.

It also show in hajj that people  
different people around the world  
come to hajj and everyone  
will be equal by wearing the same  
etam while cloth

(ii)

Some people will disagree with  
my statement because people  
have never had an experience  
of going hajj, another reason of  
people disagreeing with my statement  
is that some people may not  
have the proper meaning of  
going hajj and asking for forgiveness



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

(b) One basic reason:

- saving a person's life

1 mark

(c) Two basic reasons:

- *Doing for the sake of Allah*
- *Show how poor people are suffering*

Level 2

4 marks

(di) (i) Two simple reasons:

- *chance to ask for forgiveness*
- *all equal*

2 marks

(d) (ii) One simple reason:

- *never had the experience*

1 mark

(b) Yes I do think giving zakah makes a Muslim a better person. This is because by giving zakah, Muslims are helping their unfortunate brothers and sisters in Islam. In the Qur'an, Allah says that Muslims must give zakah and that it is one of the five pillars of Islam. The Qur'an is the words of Allah and therefore must be followed and respected by all Muslims -

Furthermore, the Prophet Muhammad (saw) says that ~~there~~ the reward for giving zakah is great. The Prophet Muhammad (saw) is the best of all creation and should be respected and followed as a role model by all Muslims. Allah says that all Muslims should help the poor and needy because it is a characteristic of a good Muslim. Also the Prophet Muhammad (saw) always helped the ~~poor~~ <sup>poor</sup>.

(c) Fasting has benefits for Muslims because Allah has mentioned in the Qur'an that fasting is one of the five pillars of Islam and that ~~there~~ there is a lot of reward in fasting. ~~This~~ The rewards of fasting are one of the benefits for Muslims. The Qur'an is the words of Allah and therefore should be respected and followed by all Muslims.

The Prophet Muhammad (saw) used to fast on Mondays and ~~Wednesdays~~ Thursdays. The Prophet Muhammad (saw) is the best of all creation and so his actions should be followed by Muslims as well.

Fasting reminds Muslims about the struggle the poor go through everyday which allows them to humble themselves and be grateful to Allah for what they have which is one of the benefits of fasting.







(ii) People may disagree with me because they may say that there are other ways of worship a person can do rather than using the time to go to Hajj. They could do extra prayers and read more Qur'an or even fast. Whereas if a person is traveling, they cannot fast or pray extra salah.



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### Examiner Comments

(b) First paragraph = 1 developed reason:

- Helping unfortunate .....which is obeying Allah

2nd paragraph = 1 developed reason:

- characteristic of a good Muslim.....copying Muhammed

4 marks

(c) 4 reasons:

- Lots of rewards
- Humble themselves and be grateful
- Gain self-control
- Do good deeds

(d) (i) One developed and one basic reason:

- Sinless..... which can only be achieved on hajj
- act of worship

(d) (ii) One developed reason:

- other ways of worship developed by ..extra prayers...read more Qur'an

### Question 6 (a)

(a) Arafat is an mountain and on Jumant day every one is going to be judged there.

(b) I think going on hajj with the intention of being a good muslim than yes ~~the~~ hajj does make you a good muslim.

Hajj does make you a good muslim



**ResultsPlus**

**Examiner Comments**

One of the mark scheme definitions, so 2 marks  
Place for judgement day

(a) A plain near Mekkah where muslims go to confess their sins.

(b) Going on Hajj makes a person a good muslim because when going performing tawaf they realise the importance of Allah. ~~And~~ <sup>also</sup> The muslim within is awakened when going.



**ResultsPlus**

**Examiner Comments**

Correct

(a) The plain near Makkah

(b) I agree because it says in the Quran. The Quran is the Holy book of Allah sent to mankind for our guidance.

Secondly I agree because it says in the Hadith.



**ResultsPlus**  
Examiner Comments

On the mark scheme this is given as partially-correct, because there needs to be some idea of the importance of Arafat for Muslims.

### Question 6 (b) (c) (d)

Although this question was popular, many candidates did not know what happened at Mina, so were unable to explain why the events were important.

(b) I think that going to haji does make a person a good Muslim because they are following the five pillars of Islam ~~Shahadah~~ Sahadah, Salah, Zakah, Swam, haji.

I also think that because when people go to haji Allah forgives all of the sins that they have committed and that is why they start a new muslim life by being good throughout the rest of their lives.

(c) The events at Mina are important during haji, for various of reasons. Firstly, at Mina they have to throw ~~stones~~ pebbles which they collect the night before at some big stones which represents something bad.

Secondly, it is important because they have to stay one day in Arafat and pray to Allah to tell Allah to forgive their sins that they have committed throughout their lives

(d) (i) I agree with the statement because if you pray ~~the~~ you are getting closer and closer to Allah

I also ~~age~~ think that because when you pray you sometime pray that you want something of if someone is ill, cure them and some times Allah will listen to your prayer and you'll get what you ~~the~~ want.

(ii) some people may disagree with me because they might say Salah is not the only way you can also read the ~~Quran~~ Qur'an to get closer to Allah, because the words in the Qur'an are Allah words.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

(b) Two reasons, with one developed:

- following the Five Pillars
- Allah forgives all of the sins...developed by....start a new Muslim life

3 marks

(c) Two marks given for description, as there are no reasons given here.

Level 1

(d) (i) Two simple reasons:

- getting closer and closer
- Allah will listen to your prayers

2 marks

(d) (ii) One simple reason:

- can also read the Qur'an

(b) I think going on hajj does make a person a good Muslim. Because, going on hajj, if done properly, Muslims believe that it erases all of your sins. By believing this a person could change and become a better person.

I also, think that going on hajj and seeing the Kaaba and all the thousands of believers in Islam may change a person's mind and make them ~~think about life~~ think about life which then changes them to become a better person.

(c) The events at Mina are important during hajj for many reasons. Firstly, it says in the Quran that the events in Mina are very important to do and that without doing those certain events a person's hajj will not be completed and accepted.

Secondly, ~~the~~ the events at Mina are some of the last things to do in hajj. A person may be tired after everything else and will find it difficult to do these events. So they have to show to Allah that they are willing and will complete hajj fully.

Finally, these events at Mina are important ~~because~~ because it may change someone's life ~~while~~ while doing it. It will encourage them to ~~have~~ have a stronger faith in Allah and also may make them into a better person.

(d) (i) I disagree because ~~just~~ just saying ten Salats doesn't make you get closer to Allah, it just says that you have converted into Islam. ~~You have~~ You have have a strong faith in Allah to be close to him.



(d) (i) I disagree because ~~just~~ just saying the Salah doesn't make you get closer to Allah, it just says that you have converted into Islam. ~~And that's not~~ You have have a strong faith in Allah to be close to him.

Secondly, while it may say in the Quran that just saying the Salah will make you a muslim doesn't mean that you are closer to Allah. The best way to get closer to Allah is by believing strongly in him ~~and~~ and following the Quran and the prophet.

Finally, Someone may change again after they had said the Salah. It is not guaranteed that they will stay a muslim.

(ii)

Some may disagree with me and say that saying the Salah <sup>closer</sup> is the best way to get ~~closer~~ closer to Allah because the person is making the right intention to becoming a muslim which may make them somehow feel in contact or close to Allah.

Secondly, they may say that in the Quran it says that saying the Salah instantly makes you a Muslim and in contact with <sup>Allah</sup> ~~Allah~~ which may bring the person closer to Allah.

Finally, people may say that saying the Salah changes a person and changes how they act and their <sup>intentions</sup> ~~intentions~~. This ~~may~~ makes them closer to Allah and feel a connection with him.



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**Examiner Comments**

(b) Two developed reasons:

- *erases all your sins....developed by..person could change*
- *seeing the Kabah...developed by ...think about life....change them*

4 marks

(c) Two basic reasons:

- They have to show Allah that they are willing
- Have a stronger faith in Allah
- Although there is no real indication that the candidate knows what actually happens at Mina, credit was given where there is a reason why events at Mina are important

4 marks

(di) (i) In this answer, the candidate seems to be referring to Shahadah not salah:

- *You have a strong faith to be close to him*
- *Follow the Qur'an and prophets*

(d) (ii) One reason:

- *Change how they act*

(b) Uting on Hajj makes a person a good muslim because when going performing tawaf they realise the importance of Allah. ~~and~~ <sup>also</sup> The muslim within is awakened when going performing tawaf.

After Arafat, it is believed they come back as new born babies and are enlightened. The experience motivates muslims to become better muslims in their own lives.

(c) On the way back from Arafat, after being forgiven of all your sins, muslims must collect 49 or 70 stones from Muzaffah or in Mina on their way

back. Once collected they stay in Mina for a couple of days and throughout those they will stone the three pillars (Satan).

Muslims do this after Arafat to reinforce they are committed to being a better muslim after promising to be a better one. After being forgiven they stone the Satan to show he does not control ~~the~~ or dominate their lives any longer.

Stoning the devil you show your faith in Allah and not ~~him~~ the Satan.

You show belief in Allah as you ~~then~~ ~~then~~ re-act out what the prophets did before you.

You stone the pillars because it has deeper meaning and symbolises something. prophet Abraham was told to sacrifice his son to show obedience. on the way the Satan ~~taught~~ taunted him with reason for why he should disobey Allah.

By following through he showed his obedience to Allah therefore we do the same.

(d) (i) "Saying Salah is ~~better than~~ best way to get close to Allah"

Agree:

- Niyat is very important.
- By saying it you create a deeper meaning to salah
- Actions symbolise something else this way you are already unlocking the deeper meaning.
- If someone is unable to move saying it is accepted.

- (ii) Disagree:
- Actions speak louder than words.
  - ~~It is~~ It is told to be performed in the Quran.
  - Hadith and Sunnah show it must be performed.
  - bowing down shows you are a faithful servant.



**ResultsPlus**  
Examiner Comments

(b) Personal viewpoint with two developed reasons:

- *realise the importance of Allah...developed by...Muslim within is awakened*
- *come back as new-born babies...developed by...experience motivates*

4 marks

(c) Three reasons with one developed:

- *Committed to being a better Muslim...developed by...after being forgiven....does not control*
- *Show faith in Allah*
- *Symbolises prophet Abraham showing obedience*

Level 4

8 marks

(d) (i) In this answer, the candidate has focused on, and given three reasons, for the importance of '**saying**' salah: *creates a deeper meaning*

- *actions symbolise something else*
- *saying is accepted if you can't move*

3 marks

(d) (ii) Three reasons = 3 marks:

- *Actions speak louder than words*
- *in the Qur'an...should be performed*
- *Hadith and Sunnah say must be performed*

3 marks

## Question 7 (a)

This was not answered well, because candidates misunderstood the nature of capitalism and had not learnt the glossary definition.

- (a) The Economic system adopted by most western societies.
- (b) I do think all Muslims should work for social and community cohesion because without community cohesion there could be discrimination, prejudice and even violence in their society, which is clearly a bad thing.
- Also, Muslims, if they are seen <sup>making</sup> a big positive social impact



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Examiner Comments

Clear, correct definition

- (a) Capitalism is where money and the government take over. It isn't a good or positive thing.
- (b) I don't think all Muslims should work for social or community cohesion because if there are a number of different races and people from different communities are together it risks racism and discrimination which could cause harm to all communities. The



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This is incorrect and examiners do not credit political views.



(a) Capitalism is where the government is controlling the country.

(b) Yes, I think all Muslims should work for social and community cohesion as they can help others and preach Islam to them. Working ~~to~~ for social and community cohesion can help you understand more about Muslims and ~~has~~ may change people's



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Examiner Comments

This is incorrect.



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Examiner Tip

Capitalism is a difficult concept and most students would benefit from learning the glossary definition, rather than trying to explain it.

### Question 7 (b) (c) (d)

Parts (c) and (d) were answered well, but the question on social and community cohesion caused difficulties for many candidates, who answered it from the perspective of the ummah.

(b) I think all Muslims should work towards cohesion, as it means that they can be close to other religions & Allah would want Muslims to be close to other religions & to be nice to them & work alongside them.

Also community cohesion & social cohesion may encourage some people to become Muslims and this cohesion will then lead to an increase in the ummah.

(c) Muslims can only eat foods that are halal, so this means they can't eat most British meat - as this is haram for them. Most food in a western society such as Britain is haram & so this is a problem for Muslims.

Muslims can eat meat if the animal died from natural causes or if they were religiously sacrificed. Most animals in Britain are purely killed for their meat - so Islamic food laws would mean most meat is haram.

Another food substance which is haram is glucose. This is found in sweets & in certain drinks.

This means that in order for a Muslim living in Britain - to have a sweet; they'd have to go to a specialist shop & this could be a problem in Western societies.

A lot of restaurants in Western Societies - won't have halal options, or even vegetarian options. This means Muslims can't eat out & they may have to eat the same type of food every day. This could be a problem for some Muslims.

- (d) (i) there are a lot of dress codes for some religions. In Islam ~~too~~ for example there is the hijab for women. Most religious people don't wear the traditional clothes, therefore what they wear doesn't determine their religion. Religious people have free will & a choice to decide what they want to wear & religion doesn't & shouldn't conform them to only wearing one type of clothes.
- (ii) Some people may disagree with me because they've only ever seen

Muslim women wear hijabs & Muslim men wear the traditional robes. Some people will disagree if they haven't seen or ~~see~~ met people of different religions in our culture - so they are ignorant to the fact that - they can dress how they want!



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

(b) One developed reason:

- *Allah would want.....developed by...work alongside*

2 marks

(c) Three reasons - some repetition:

- *most meat is haram*
- *need specialist shops*
- *can't eat out*

Level 3

6 marks

(d) (i) Two reasons:

- *doesn't determine religion*
- *freewill to decide*

(d) (ii) Two reasons:

- *only seen....traditional clothes*
- *ignorant of fact*

Many candidates referred to the ummah, instead of answering the question about the wider community.

(b) I think that all muslims should work for community cohesion because it helps strengthen the Ummah and makes us respect each other. I also think that if there were social cohesion there would not be racism. Community cohesion also helps us understand each others religion and creates a stronger bond.

(c) The Islamic food laws make it harder for muslims to eat food which is not haram in a western society. We have to be aware of what we eat is halal because not everyone is a muslim so they don't eat the same food as us. Good muslims should be aware of what is halal and not. It may cause conflict and confusion between people. Someone may mix-halal or haram food to a muslim and it could start a fight.

(d) (i) I disagree with this statement because dressing in the Islamic dress code is what is in the Quran. Also if we wear the same clothes in Salah it shows we are from the same religion and improves the bond. Muhammed wore these clothes so we should to and we should respect peoples religions. Clothes show symbol of what religion you follow.

(ii) Some people may agree with this statement because they may say it matters more about the meaning and the intention, <sup>rather</sup> than the appearance of the person. You can wear anything as long as you are praying intentionally.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

(b) Two basic reasons:

- *would not be racism*
- *create a stronger bond*

The paragraph on the ummah could not be credited, because that is not community cohesion, but the Muslim community.

2 marks

(c) Two reasons:

- *create conflict and confusion*
- *Someone....mis-sold haram food*

Level 2

4 marks

(d) (i) Two reasons, with one developed:

- *dress code in the Qur'an*
- *from same religion.....developed by...improves the bond*

3 marks

(d) (ii) Two simple reasons, in disagreement:

- *...rather than the appearance*
- *...praying intentionally*

2 marks



(b) I think Muslims should work for community cohesion because it would help the society as a whole and we will be able to learn about other cultures. We will be able to learn about how they are expected to be treated and we would know how they are going to treat us.

(c) Islamic food laws affect a Muslim living in a western society because firstly, they are not allowed to eat haram food and there are a lot of people eating those kinds of food in the western society. This could affect a Muslim living in the western society because they might get tempted to eat these haram food because of the atmosphere.

Secondly, it could make some Muslims not wanting to be near these people and might not want to communicate with them at all.

(d) (i) I disagree with this statement because in Islam, we have a certain dress code that we must wear. For females, they have to wear hijab and for males, they have to wear thobes.

(iii) Some people may disagree with me by saying that most females wear hijab but only some males wear thobes. Males don't have to wear thobes everywhere they go but females have to.



**ResultsPlus**

**Examiner Comments**

(b) Personal viewpoint, with one developed reason:

- *help society as a whole...developed by...learn about other cultures*

3 marks

(c) Two reasons with one developed:

- *get tempted...developed by...because of the atmosphere*
- *Might not want to communicate*

Level 3

6 marks

(d) (i) One basic reason:

- *we have a certain dress code*

1 mark

(d) (ii) No reason for disagreement

## Question 8 (a)

Some candidates gave examples, instead of a definition, and so lost marks.

(a) haram is food which has got piss meat in them & the chicken is not blessed



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**Examiner Comments**

Here, the candidate has given an example of food that is haram, thus showing a limited understanding of haram.

(a) Haram is the meaning for forbidden in Islam. So whatever Allah does not permit it is haram.

(b) it does affect a muslim's life because you are struggling to overcome evil in yourself and it is hard to ~~for~~ overcome evil in your ~~own~~ self because there are a lot of temptations out there and it is hard to get through it.



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**Examiner Comments**

Correct

(a) The word haram means that when something is bad for you and you shouldn't eat it.



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**Examiner Comments**

This is a very vague statement and could refer to any food that was 'bad' for you.

1 mark was given for 'shouldn't eat it'.

### Question 8 (b) (c) (d)

Those candidates who completed this question did well, but unfortunately some very able candidates apparently did not complete the paper, and so did not achieve high marks.

Many candidates wrote at length about the work of a charity, but did not base it in the UK. Even if they did not mention the wider world, it was clear from certain phrases that that was what they meant. Issues about a lack of water wells, or an unavailability of education for children, were at times used as UK-based examples, and this is out-dated.

(b) I think that a greater Jihad affects a muslim life because if one cannot stop evil in ones own life then it will be very hard for them to seek forgiveness.

Also it will be a struggle for them in life. This is also wrong for a muslim because all muslims should only fear Allah and no one else.

(c) In the UK, there are many muslim organizations where they help the poor. ~~the muslims are more~~

Firstly, there are thousand of Mosjids around

The world where people donate money for the poor or towards the Musjid.

Secondly, every Friday at our Jummah prayers in the end ~~as~~ all muslims donate Zakahs which is where they donate money for the ~~poor~~ poor.

Finally, there are also ~~#~~TV organizations where ~~people~~ muslims call in at times to donate money to specific Mosques ~~at home~~ or to the unfortunate.

(d) (i) Living in a western society shouldn't affect a muslims persons life ~~beca~~ because if you ~~are~~ are a muslims you should still follow the Quran and recite it very oftenly. Also all muslims should still pray their 5 daily prayers. Just by doing this all muslims should have a normal muslim life no matter where you are.  
No excuses for prayer.

(ii) Some people may disagree ~~me~~ with me because those people are ~~scared to go out~~ scared to go out in their society. ~~me~~ This is still not an excuse to miss your prayers because you can still pray at home and recite the Quran at home.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

(b) One developed and one basic reason:

- if one cannot control evil in ones own life....developed by.... hard to seek forgiveness...
- struggle for them in life

3 marks

(c) One reason:

- donate money

Level 1

2 marks

(d) (i) One fully-developed reason:

- follow Qur'an, recite Qur'an often, pray .....should have a normal Muslim life

3 marks

(d) (ii) One reason:

- people scared to go out in society

1 mark

(c) ISLAMIC Relief works in the UK and helps the UK and all over the world to help poor people with food, <sup>water</sup> ~~clothes~~, clothes etc. this is a charity based in the UK and works in UK.

and wear Islamic clothes the western society won't get to you.



### Examiner Comments

(c) Two ways:

- Level 2 (4 marks)

- *If you do all the correct Islamic things.....developed by..western...wouldn't get to you*

- *Want to be like a western person and so leave Islam*

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(b) Yes because, when you control yourself from something it takes a lot of energy & will power. e.g. <sup>switching of the</sup> ~~not watching~~ t.v. when you've got to pray salaah.

(c) Islamic aid give water to poor countries

- \* make water wells.

- \* water is needed a lot clean, fresh water not dirty water

- \* they do fundraisers to raise money for people in poor countries.

(d) (i) Agree:-

- \* you can do what you want to do.

- \* If you are allowed to practise your religion freely there shouldn't be a problem.

- \* wherever you are you should be living a muslim ~~properly~~ life properly.

(ii) Disagree:-

- \* In some countries you're not allowed to practise your religion freely e.g. In France you're not allowed to wear the veil to cover your face that goes against what you believe.
- \* You get busy in worldly issues.
- \* ~~It~~ you have to care for the rest of the world. (It's job being a muslim).



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Examiner Comments

(b) One developed reason:

- *takes a lot of energy..developed by the example*

(c) Not in the UK...so no marks

0 marks

(d) (i) Two reasons:

- *shouldn't be a problem*
- *should be living properly*

(d) (ii) One developed reason:

- *allowed to worship freely...developed by example*

(b) Yes because once you overcome your ego and are in full control of it, it becomes much easier to worship and spend your time doing good deeds which pleases Allah and helps the ~~poor~~ person feel like they have got Sukoon (peace).

Also because its one of the hardest battles a muslim will have to fight but ~~Allah says~~ its said "Allah doesn't place a burden on ~~the~~ a soul ~~as to~~ more than it can bear". so if we believe we can overcome greater jihad you will feel complete and at ease.

(c) ~~Tafazzil~~ ~~relief~~ central mosque in london helps to relieve poverty by providing shelters for the poor to stay in.

Also they provide meals for the poor so they may eat instead of go hungry.

They run education workshops to educate the poor ~~and~~

collect donations to give to the poor to help improve their standard of living.

(d) (i) I agree because muslims have the Quran which is suited for all times so if someone faces difficulty the quran is there guide.

Also if a muslim has Taqwa (god consciousness) he will not think twice ~~or~~ at doing a wrong action.

finally that if we are true believers in Allah we will always abide by his rules and if we follow

the rules e.g. lower your gaze. Here shouldn't be any problems.

(ii) Someone who may disagree might say it's too hard to avoid doing wrong as it's everywhere we look.

Also that other people go out to drink and commit promiscuity and a Muslim may be influenced and dragged into doing wrong.

Finally that it is extremely easy to do wrong and so hard to do right so our lives can easily go the wrong way in a western society.



### ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

(b) Two developed reasons:

- overcome your ego.....developed by ...spend time doing good deeds...have got peace
- ...hardest battle....developed by quotation and ...complete and at ease

(c) Four ways:

- Shelters for the poor
- Meals
- Education workshops
- Collect donations

(d) (i) Three reasons:

- Qur'an suited for all time
- taqwa...not think twice
- follow rules...no problems

(d) (ii) Three reasons:

- ...hard as it's everywhere
- ...influenced by others
- easy to do wrong, hard to do right

## Paper Summary

Teachers and candidates should note these general points, in order to improve candidates' achievement in future years:

- There is a choice of two questions per section, each as four sub-questions. Candidates may either attempt the sub-questions in the top questions (odd numbers), or the sub-questions in the bottom question (even numbers). Candidates who choose questions from a mixture of the top and bottom questions will not receive marks for all of their responses, and, as such, will be at a clear disadvantage.
- Candidates are asked to indicate which question they have answered by putting a cross in a square at the top of the paper. Some candidates did not do this. They should be reminded to do so, as part of examination preparation
- Space on the examination paper. The amount of lines given is more-than-adequate for candidates to achieve maximum marks; there is no need for candidates to write more than this. If candidates write more than can be inserted into the allocated lineage they are using up too much time on that particular question. Inevitably, they will place themselves at a disadvantage later in the paper. Almost all of the candidates who used extra paper had already achieved maximum marks for that item. Any candidate who needs extra space can use the space allocated to other parts of the question, as long as they indicate clearly on their paper that this is what they have done
- Timing. There was an increase in the number of candidates who did not complete the final section this year, due to timing difficulties. Candidates should be encouraged to spend about twenty minutes per question, leaving ten minutes to check through work at the end of the paper
- The paper is marked by examiners on a computer screen. Candidates are asked to write using a black pen, because it is important that clear images are reproduced
- (a) questions ask for either a definition or example.
- Learn glossary definitions to gain full marks
- (b) questions only need one opinion, backed by two reasons
- (c) questions are *Explain why...* or *Explain how...*, and are testing AO1
- (d) questions are divided into two parts.
- Part (d) (i) needs the candidate's opinion, backed by reasons. Part (d) (ii) needs an alternative opinion, backed by reasons. One of the reasons used in the whole of (d) must be religious

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