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Introduction

Unit 11 remains a popular paper both with mainstream schools and madrassahs. The quality of answers was excellent this year, with many students showing a clear knowledge and understanding of Islam.

There was a noticeable improvement this year in the way (b) and (d) items were answered. In both cases, candidates remembered to start their answers with a clear indication that they were expressing a personal viewpoint. In (d) items there were some excellent answers, which showed consideration of different opinions and empathy towards Muslim beliefs.

Many candidates wrote at great length at the beginning of the paper, often unnecessarily, and did not have time to complete Section 4.

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

Question (Q) 1(a)(b)(c)(d) was the most popular of all the questions answered and the majority of candidates displayed excellent knowledge and understanding of the basic beliefs of Islam. Candidates wrote fluently, used correct terminology and were awarded three or four marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG).

In 1(b) some of the best candidates were able to contrast the importance of the Qur'an with the other books, whereas others focussed solely on the importance of the Qur'an.

In 1 (c) many candidates were able to give fully developed answers as to why Muslims should look after the world, citing their duty as Khalifah and the world as a gift from Allah, and being judged on this.

1 (d) was answered extremely well, with candidates giving good reasons for and against the existence of angels.

(a) Tawhid is the oneness in Allah.

(b) Holy books such as the Qur'an, Injil and Tawrat are very important as they contain information for Muslims and how they should live their lives to please Allah. However it is the Qur'an that is most important as it contains the whole truth and is Allah's unchanged and eternal message.

(c) Muslims should look after the world as it is their duty as khalifas of the Earth. They are looking after the world for Allah.

The world is a gift from Allah to humans. We are second only to Allah and are not equal (the sin of shirk) therefore we should respect the world and look after it as it is not ours.

Furthermore by looking after the world, Muslims are in turn strengthening the unity of the Ummah (worldwide Muslim community). Caring for the world we live in helps those who are less fortunate than others.

Finally, if Muslims did not look after the world they would be held accountable on Judgement Day by Allah. If they wish to pass through to paradise Muslims should respect the world.

(d) (i) Muslims would disagree as it is stated in the Qur'an that angels exist as messengers for Allah.

Muhammad (pbuh) was visited by Angel Jibril in Makkah and it was the Angel that revealed Allah's eternal message to the Prophet himself. These words are what Muslims follow in the holy book the Qur'an.

(ii) Others may argue, there is no scientific proof that angels do exist.

People who claim to have seen them may have been hallucinating or experiencing sightings or within a deep imagination or merely not telling the truth.

1 (a) Correct definition

1 (b) The candidates has given two developed reasons.

4 marks

i ...*as they contain information for Muslims....developed byhow they should live their lives to please Allah*

ii ...*the Qur'an is most important as it contains the whole truth...developed by....Allah's unchanged message*

Although the candidate has not started the answer with the words '**I think**', there is evidence that this is their opinion as they write...*Holy books such as.....are very important.....*

1 (c) This is an excellent answer, which has four good reasons. In fact, because the candidate has developed the first two reasons, the answer reaches Level 4 at the end of the second paragraph.

Two developed reasons

i *Their duty as Khalifahs...developed by.....looking after the world for Allah*

ii *The world is a gift.....developed by....should look after it*

This is a coherent answer therefore the candidate can be awarded the higher level for Quality of Written Communication (QWC).

Level 4

8 marks

1 (d)(i) In contrast to the answer in (b) there is no evidence here that this is the candidate's personal opinion. Unfortunately, they attribute the view to Muslims and at no point use words that might suggest it is their opinion. This means that no marks can be awarded for (d)(i).

0 marks

1 (d)(ii) However, the opposite view can be credited.

Three reasons are given

i No scientific proof

ii People may be hallucinating

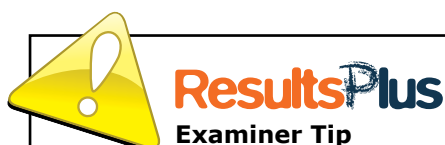
iii ...*not telling the truth*

3 marks

This a high performance candidate who spells, punctuates and uses the rules of grammar accurately. They use specialist terms.

SPaG 4 marks

4 marks



Remember that examiners are humans and the clearer you make your answer the easier it is for them to mark.

Always begin (b) and (d) answers with ...*I think*, or *I agree/disagree* ...so that it is clear to the examiner that this is your opinion. This minimises the risk of losing marks.

This is an example of a very good candidate who gives no indication of their opinion in (b) but attributes the viewpoint to Muslims.

(a) Tawhid is the oneness of God

(b) Muslims believe all holy books are important ~~as~~ but only the Qur'an has the perfect teaching, as Muhammad pbuh recieved the perfect message from the angel Jibril and it was transferred into the Qur'an.

Also the Qur'an has other holy books inside of it. The Fawrat given to prophet Musa pbuh, is the Jewish Torah. The Zabur which are hymns and songs and the Injil given to prophet Isa pbuh, which is the four gospels of the Bible. So all holy books are important, but only the Qur'an contains the full truth.

(c) Muslims believe they should look after the world because Allah has made them Khalifas of this world. This means they are stewards or

custodians and therefore should look after the world they are in.

Allah has given humans the special responsibility to look after the world no one else can do this.

He has given them the authority to look after the world they live in, and help make it a better place.

If Muslims don't treat the world properly and look after it they will be punished for it, in the after life.

Also Muslims believe Allah has given us the gift of life and given us this beautiful world to live in. We must not destroy it we have to look after it and make it a better place. We have to appreciate this gift he has given us. He has also given us free will, but this must not be misused.

(d) (i) Muslims believe in Angels. I think it isn't impossible to believe in angels. There are Islamic stories about angels. The Night of Power, when Muhammad pbuh received the revelation of the Qur'an from Allah through Angel Jibril. The message was written on his heart. Muslims believe this was a great miracle in Islam. So they believe angels are real as it tells us in the Qur'an.

(ii) People may disagree with me because they may say there is no scientific proof or evidence that angels exist. Most of the time they are hallucinations, when the brain receives a lack of oxygen. Also how do we know if what the Qur'an tells us is actually real, and happened in the past.



1 (a) Correct definition

2 marks

1 (b) *Muslims believe.....*no indication of personal viewpoint therefore cannot be given any marks.

0 marks

1 (c) This is another excellent answer where the candidate has fully developed the idea of being a khalifah and then added two further reasons.

i Fully developed reason

Level 3

...made them khalifahs.....developed bystewards or custodians.....further developed byspecial authority

ii One reason, bringing the answer to Level 4

.....punished in the afterlife

Level 4

8 marks

1 (d)(i) Although this answer starts with the words 'Muslims believe in angels' the personal opinion is then stated and at the end when the candidate again refers to Muslims they then use the word 'us' to indicate that they are a Muslim.

This is one fully developed reason.

Islamic stories....fully developed by....the example of the Night of power

3 marks

1 (d)(ii) Three reasons given in disagreement

i No scientific evidence

ii Hallucinations

iii How do we know the Qur'an is true?

3 marks

This is a coherent answer using specialist terms and paragraphs.

SPaG 4 marks

An excellent example of a full mark answer, where the candidate has not wasted time writing far more than necessary and has found the available space adequate.

(a) Oneness of Allah.

(b) Yes, all holy books are important because although some have been distorted they still should be respected because the originals of these books are from Allah. This means even though some books may have errors they are equally important because of their primary source; Allah. Furthermore, all holy books ^{were} ~~were~~ first revealed to prophets by the angel Jibrail. I believe all prophets are equally important so the holy books they ^{received} ~~received~~ would share the importance.

(c) Muslims believe they should look after the world because firstly, Allah has placed them as Khalifas on this planet. The stewardship of Muslims means and clarifies the relationship between Allah and humans. Humans are responsible to look after the world but they are clearly not the masters of the world.

Secondly, Muslims believe Allah has given them knowledge. Thus, they believe that knowledge with their skill should be used to care for and look after the world. Muslims also believe that knowledge was given to them for a specific reason and that is to look after the world.

Thirdly, Muslims believe they are the best of creation and see stewardship in a way that only they are responsible for looking after the world. This is because of the duty that Allah placed upon them as the only creation, Allah hadn't given any other creature the same task.

Lastly, Muslims believe they are answerable to Allah on the day of Judgement for how they looked after the world. They believe that if they haven't done enough they would be punished for failing the task. Thus, by looking after this world they ensure it doesn't happen.

(d) (i) Yes, because firstly, no one has seen an angel.

Therefore, if you can't see one you won't believe in one. Secondly, some people believe that Allah communicates with them through the Quran and not ^{angels} angels so they would have no purpose to live. Lastly, there is no physical evidence that angels exist so there is no way of believing in them.

(ii) People who disagree with me may say that firstly,

in Islam

belief in angels is one of the six pillars of Islam and must be followed. Secondly, there are some

people who believe they have seen angels in human form. Lastly, without angels the Quran couldn't have been revealed so angels must exist, so we have to believe in them.



1 (a) Correct definition

2 marks

1 (b) This is personal opinion with two developed reasons.

Again, although the candidate has not used the words 'I think' there is clear evidence that this is a personal opinion at the end ...*I believe all prophets..*

i...originals are from Allah....developed by....their primary source

ii Revealed to prophets.....developed by.....all prophets important.....therefore all books important

4 marks

1 (c) Two developed reasons

i ...placed as Kalifahs ...developed by....clarifies the relationship....

ii...given knowledge for a specific reason....developed by....should be used to look after the world

The two further reasons are also excellent but unnecessary.

Level 4

8 marks

1 (d)(i) Personal opinion with three basic reasons

ino-one has seen an angel

ii Allah communicates through the Qur'an

iii ...no physical evidence

3 marks

1 (d)(ii) Opposite viewpoint with three basic reasons

i One of the six pillars of iman

ii People have seen angels

iii Without angels the Qur'an would not exist

3 marks

This is a high level performance using specialist terms and therefore gains SPaG 4 marks. The examiner is not looking at quality of handwriting or crossings out when allocating SPaG.

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

Although fewer candidates attempted this question almost all gave excellent, coherent answers, to all of the items.

(d) caused some difficulties for a minority who focussed on whether Allah was merciful and compassionate, rather than whether these were the most important qualities of Allah.

Write your answer here:

(a) A Muslim is ^{he} who has submitted to Allah by accepting Islam.

(b) Humans are free to do what they want because Allah has given them free will. Free will is a choice to do good or bad. Allah has mentioned this in the Quran.

If humans were not free to do what they liked, then Allah could not judge them as it ^{would be} unfair. One of many characteristics of Allah ^{is} ~~to~~ to be fair, kind and ^{Mercifull} ~~Mercifull~~. He is ~~also~~ also the judge ^{of} ~~of~~ all judges.

(c) Belief in angels is important for Muslims because it is one of 6 main beliefs. To be a Muslim you must believe in three main things. To believe in Allah, the Prophet and angels.

Secondly Allah has given ~~many~~ ^{many} many angels important tasks to do. The angel Jibreel (Gabriel) was especially important because he brought down the message, directly from Allah to the prophet. This ensured that the message was not corrupted in any way and Allah has said he will keep it the same till the day of ~~the~~ judgement. Angels also protect Muslims whilst they pray.

Thirdly Muslims believe that angels will be one of Allah's main helpers. Their unique characteristics such as them being made out of light, not having the ability to commit sin and ~~to~~ them only following the command of Allah, makes them ideal for the ^{jobs} ~~jobs~~ they have. That is why Muslims believe in angels.

Lastly jobs such as ~~Markar~~ and ~~Nakir~~ questioning the dead is a near impossible task for ^{humans} ~~humans~~ to do so, ~~Ang~~ angels such as Markar and Nakir are told to do it.

This is one of the main steps for going to ~~the~~ the Akhirah (here after)

(d) (i) I agree to the statement because humans commit sin. Sin is punished for accordingly, and if Allah was not merciful then there would be no hope for Muslims of getting into Jannah, so they would stop gaining reward. Mercy and compassion helps Muslims strengthen the love of Allah. Allah has brought us in ~~this~~ ^{this} life as a test, for the Akhirah and if Allah doesn't have Mercy and Compassion ~~then~~ ^{then there} ~~there~~ would be no point in trying.

(ii) Some people may disagree with me and say that other ^{qualities} beliefs such as omni-potent is important. Omni-potent ^{qualities} means Allah has power. Secondly beliefs such as omni-scient that Allah knows everything could help us, and ^{strengthen} ~~strengthen~~ our love. Omni-benevolent means to be all good. This quality is especially important as it shows Allah ^{cannot} ~~cannot~~ be bad.



2 (a) Correct definition

2 marks

2 (b) Two developed reasons. The candidate has developed each reason with a further sentence. Because the subject of both sentences is the same, it is development, not a separate reason.

i *Allah has given free will....developed by...the choice to good or evil*

ii *..Allah could not judge....would be unfair...developed by.....one of the characteristics of Allah is to be fair*

4 marks

2 (c) Only three reasons are credited because the second reason has been developed with an example.

i One of the six main beliefs

ii *They have important jobs...developed by...the example of Jibrail*

iii Angels are Allah's main helpers

Level 4

8 marks

2 (d)(i) A clear personal opinion, supported by three basic reasons

i *...there would be no hope*

ii *strengthens love for Allah*

iii *no point in trying*

3 marks

2 (d)(ii) Three reasons given in disagreement

i omnipotent is more important as it shows Allah has power

ii omniscient that Allah knows everything

iii omni-benevolent as Allah is all good

3 marks

This is a high intermediate level performance, which gained 3 marks for SPaG.

(a) A muslim is someone who submits themselves to Allah by Accepting Islam.

(b) Yes I believe think human are free to do what they want as we are given the ability to have a free will and do what we want to do as we will be questioned on resurrection about what we did.

furthermore I think humans have a free choice of what to do as Allah has given this to us and we are not "forced in religion" as it says in the Quran.

(c) The belief in Angels are important for muslims as angels are the vital part of communication from Allah to humans as they send messages from God on what humans should do to live a life that is correct and obeying Allah.

furthermore Angels are very important as they write down each one of our good and bad deeds which are taken to Allah and we are then asked about it by Allah on the day of judgement when our book of deeds will be shown to us.

In addition Angels are important for muslims as the final book of Allah was sent to humans by them as Allah commanded them to do so.

moreover belief in Angels is mentioned in the articles of faith. This is very important for muslims so belief in Angels are important as they are mentioned in the Quran the book of Allah.

(d) (i) ~~mercy and compassion~~

I agree with this statement because mercy and compassion are important qualities of Allah as these are the first names mentioned in his qualities from all of the other 99 names

moreover Allah is merciful and compassionate as it mention is the Quran which is very important for muslim and is also mention by the prophet muhammed (SAW)

(iii) Someone will disagree with me as Allah is not just merciful and compassionate ~~he has~~ however he has many other names that are very important as well

furthermore someone would disagree with me as they might not believe in Allah and say that these are not his qualities because if Allah is mercy and compassionate why is there so much trouble and mischief as well as many countries are without food and water.



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2 (a) Correct definition

2 marks

2 (b) Personal opinion supported by two developed reasons

igiven free will...developed by.....questioned on resurrection

ii ...free choice...developed by ...not forced in religion

4 marks

2 (c) Two reasons, one of which is fully developed

ivital part of communication.....developed by...sent message from God on what humans should do..... developed further by.....life that is correct and obeying Allah

ii ...write down our deeds for the day of Judgement

Level 4

8 marks

2 (d)(i) Personal opinion supported by three basic reasons

ifirst names mentioned

ii Mentioned in the Quran

iii by the Prophet Muhammad

3 marks

2 (d)(ii) Opposite opinion with two reasons, of which one is developed

i ...many other names

ii ...not believe in Allahdeveloped by.....why is there so much trouble...

3 marks

High performance

4 marks

Question 3 (a)

The definition of ulama in the specification (p 125) goes beyond the idea of scholars of Islam and so, in order to achieve the full two marks, candidates needed to refer to Islamic law or jurisprudence.

Many Muslims can be classified as scholars of Islam but do not specialise in law. Consequently, not all candidates obtained two marks in this question.

(a) Ulama are the scholars of
~~the~~ Islam

(b) Yes I think all ~~Muslim~~ mosques
should look the same because
the mosques ~~has~~ have wudu
area, and shoes rack, minbar
and mihrab which is important



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Examiner Comments

This answer is not a complete definition because there is no mention of law.



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Use the glossary definitions to ensure full marks.

(a) An Islamic Scholar for Shari'ah law

(b) No. I do not think that all mosques should look the same as the Prophet Mohammed (Saw) has said "Whenever you pray turns into a mosque" This is why all mosques don't need to look the same. I believe this as our beloved Prophet was most beloved to our (greater Allah)



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Examiner Comments

A correct definition
2 marks
Islamic scholar....and law.

(a) Ulama is the Islamic scholar.

(b) I disagree because it's not how the mosque looks the purpose is that we attend mosque so that we can contact Allah attempted by prayers. mosque is a peaceful



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This is typical of the majority of answers but is only partially correct as a definition.

Question 3 (b) (c) (d)

Q3 (b)(c)(d) was not as popular as Q4 (b)(c)(d) and some candidates had difficulty with (d) because they did not appreciate that the question was about Muslims following the Qur'an. Consequently, there were responses that disagreed with this statement and focussed on people not believing in Allah, which clearly could not refer to Muslims.

(b) No. I do not think that all mosques should look the same as the Prophet Mohammed (Saw) has said "wherever you pray turns into a mosque" This is why all mosques don't need to look the same. I believe this as our beloved Prophet was most beloved to our Creator Allah (swt)

I also do not believe that all mosques should look the same as it is not the features of a mosque that is important, it is what you do inside a mosque that is important. As long as you are able to pray, then the looks of the mosque do not matter.

(c) Muslims believe that the ummah is important as it represents the foundation of Islam, which is Tauheed (oneness). The ummah is supposed to be united as one single body together as muslim. This symbolises

The Oneness of Allah (Tawhid) and the belief in Tauheed which is one of the 7 articles of faith. This is why Muslims believe that the Ummah is important.

The Ummah is also very important for Muslims as our beloved Prophet (saw) has told us that "we are like one body, if one part is in pain, then the rest of the body hurts". This shows the importance of the Ummah as we are supposed to be united and supporting one another. It is important for this reason.

The Ummah is also very important for Muslims as it eradicates and prevents prejudice and racial discrimination. It is believed by all Muslims that the Ummah are all equal to one another. Anyone can join the Ummah regardless of their social status or race. The Ummah is important for Muslims as it unites all Muslims together as one.

agree

(d) (i) I ~~disagree~~ with his statement as I believe strongly that the Quran is the only book to follow. I believe that the Quran is the true word of Allah (swt) and it has never been changed due to people memorising it and passing it down. Isicim teaches that all other books have been corrupted and changed. Therefore I believe that Muslims should only follow the teachings of the Quran.

I also believe this as in the 7 articles of faith it only mentions the Quran as the book to follow. If I do not agree with this, then I may come out of the folds of Islam. I also believe that the Quran is the correct book to follow as it includes all we need to know ^{about life}.

(ii) Some people may disagree with me and say that Muslims should not follow just the teachings of the Quran as the hadith are equally important. The Quran is our guide but the hadith explains in more detail such as salaah. The Quran tells us to pray salaah, however it is the hadith that teaches us to pray our salaah. Therefore Muslims should not only follow the teaching of the Quran.

Muslims should also follow hadith as Muhammad (saw) was most beloved to Allah (swt) and his are as maxims should follow in his footsteps. Therefore the Quran should not be the only guide.



3 (b) A clear personal opinion supported by two developed reasons

i *The teaching of Muhammed ...developed by....most beloved*

ii *It is not the features that matter....developed by...it is what you do inside*

4 marks

3 (c) Two developed reasons credited

i *Represents the foundation of Islam, Taweed....developed by...one of the articles of faith*

ii *The teaching of the Prophetdeveloped by...the explanation of the teaching*

A further excellent point is made but is unnecessary.

Level 4

8 marks

3 (d)(i) Personal opinion supported by two reasons, one of which is developed

i *....true word of Allah...developed by...never been changed*

ii *One of the articles of faith*

3 marks

3 (d)(ii) Disagreement supported by two reasons, one of which is developed

i *Hadith are equally important...developed by.....explains in more detail*

ii *...follow the example of the Prophet*

3 marks

(b) I think all mosques should look the same because it is important for the Qur'an to be worshiped along with Allah in the same way, and there should be no inequality towards the worshipping of Allah and they should all contain the same features such as the Dome and the layout of worship as some people believe that it may affect prayer and to how they connect spiritually to God.

(c) Ummah is the community of Muslims together. Muslims believe that it is important because Allah has taught us all to be equal to

one another and that no one should differ from others. This is stated in the Qur'an about the act of equality.

Also, the Ummah unites the community and brings people closer together and shows that the Muslim religion is strong and shows how people can work together.

The prophet Muhammad also showed Muslims that belief in the Ummah is important as he demonstrated that the religion needed to be strong with the words of Allah to be understood and appreciated.

Finally, Muslims believe the Ummah is important as over generations the community will become bigger and allow one another to help people when they are in time of need.

(d) (i) ~~The~~ I agree as the Quran is the most important holy book and contains the exact words that were revealed to the seal of the prophets, Muhammad and this message has never been changed or distorted so it has the perfect words of Allah on how Muslims should live their lives. Also the Quran is written in the original language of Arabic so it is considered to be more closer and spiritual to God. Finally ~~the~~ the other holy books Injil, Taurat, Zabur still contain truth but has been distorted as people have added informations.

(ii) Some people may disagree as they would say the other holy books still allow guidance from Allah and contains messages that are considered to be important to Muslims. The Taurat, Injil and Zabur still all contain the truth even if it has been slightly changed, the other holy books also can give a better understanding of the life as a Muslim and the Muslim teachings.



3 (b) Personal opinion supported by one developed reason

...No inequality.... contain the same features.....developed by...may affect prayer

2 marks

3 (c) Three reasons are credited because the first one is developed.

i *Allah has taught to be equal...developed by....no one should differ from others*

ii *...unites the community*

iii *... shows the religion is strong*

Level 4

8 marks

3(d)(i) Clear personal opinion supported by three basic reasons

i *....exact words that were revealed*

ii *...message has never been changed*

iii *...written in original language*

3 Marks

3(d)(ii) Three reasons given in disagreement

i *....other holy books still have guidance*

ii *...contain messages that are thought important*

iii *...all contain the truth*

3 marks

Question 4 (a)

This question was more popular than Q3 and most candidates were able to gain at least one mark by knowing that Sunnis are a group of Muslims. Many, however, did not know what defined a Sunni. Some candidates confused them with Shi'a and Sufis. Answers that used a different wording to the glossary definition, eg naming the caliphs in order, were accepted because it was clear that the candidate was aware of the historical background.

(a) The sunni are a group of muslim who believe that all four of the first four caliphs (leaders) were rightly guided.

(b) NO, I do not think everyone in the UK should follow sharia law as not everyone in the UK is muslim. Shariah law only applies to muslims so not everyone in the UK can follow it as not everyone is muslim.



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This is a clear definition.
2 marks

(a) Sunni is a group of Muslims that believe in Allah, the words of the Quran and that prophet Muhammed (pbuh) ^{was the} _{Seal of the} prophets.

(b) I do believe that everyone in the UK should follow the sharia law as it is based on the Quranic teachings



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This answer only received 1 mark because all Muslims believe this - therefore it does not define a Sunni.



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Examiner Tip

If students do not use the glossary definitions they must be able to show that they understand the main difference between Shi'ah and Sunni.

(a) Sunni are a muslim group who follow the way and sunnah of the prophet Muhammad.

(b) No, I don't think everyone in the UK should follow the Shariah law because firstly, not everyone in the UK is muslim, majority of the people in the UK are non muslims, so who should then follow a law which



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Although this is not the glossary definition it is a clear indication of why some Muslims are called Sunnis.

Question 4 (b) (c) (d)

This was a very popular question and was answered excellently. The majority of candidates displayed extensive knowledge and understanding and received full marks.

In Q4 (b) many candidates assumed that 'everyone' referred to Muslims but if the supporting reasons they used were valid, they were not penalised. A number of candidates spoke about freewill and how the laws of the country should be followed. Others stated that it would be unfair on non-Muslims to be forced to follow shari'ah.

Q4 (c) was easily accessed by candidates of all levels, with the majority showing the central importance of the Qur'an for Muslims. Only a few gave the reasons **why** the Qur'an was respected instead of **how** it was respected.

In Q4 (d) both sides of the argument were considered in detail, with many candidates quoting from the hadith that the whole world belongs to Allah and is therefore a place of prostration. The best candidates used arguments about the importance of spirituality in worship, rather than the physical place.

(b) I think that everyone in the UK should follow Shari'ah law because Shari'ah law can bring justice in the UK. Some laws might differ, but Shari'ah law is the do's and don't's and you will bring justice in the UK.

Shari'ah law would make society much more peaceful to live in because you are following the Islamic law.

It might be difficult in the UK but Muslims will still follow both laws. It is possible.

(c) Muslims do many things to respect the Qur'an. The Qur'an is a major part of Islam and should be ~~kept~~ ^{treasured} with respect.

One of the things Muslims do to show respect towards the Quran is wudu. Muslims are taught to purify their selves before they touch the Quran.

Another thing Muslims do to show respect to the Quran is put it in a high place. This shows the importance of the words of Allah and it also shows the respect the Muslims have for the Quran.

After Muslims have read the Quran, Muslims read the Quran in a nice manner to show ~~those~~^{their} respect. They read nice and slowly so that they get full benefit from the Quran. This shows the respect Muslims have for the Quran. It shows how they treat the Quran.

After Muslims have read the Quran, they put it in a cloth. Not just to keep all the pages clean, but ~~to~~ to keep the cover of the Quran nice and clean.

(d) (i) I agree. Muslims need a mosque to worship Allah properly because in a mosque, you are in that environment where you can think of Allah's greatness.

Mosque is a place of peace. You might not get any other peace outside of mosque.

(ii) Some people may disagree because you can worship Allah anywhere, as long as you are remembering Allah you will be worshipping him.



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4 (b) A clear personal opinion with two basic reasons

- i ...will bring justice to the UK
- ii ...make society more peaceful

2 marks

4 (c) Four ways are given

- i Purify themselves
- ii Keep in a high place
- iii Read it carefully
- iv Keep it clean

Level 4

8 marks

4 (d)(i) personal opinion supported by two reasons

- i Think of Allah's greatness
- ii Place of peace

2 marks

4 (d)(ii) Disagreement, supported by one developed reason

.....worship Allah anywhere.....developed by... remembering Allah

2 marks

(b) No because some people may not believe that Shariah law is the right law because it hasn't been updated to the modern society.

However Muslims may disagree because they believe following Shariah makes them better Muslims so it should be followed by everyone as it would make them better people.

(c) The Quran is kept in a tall/high place in the house. This helps them to remember that God has the greatest authority over other people and Muslims.

Also the Quran is kept dust free with a cover.

Muslims also do the washing ritual Wudu before reading the Quran so they can purify themselves before reading the words of Allah.

Also Muslims must be in the correct frame of mind and push all other thoughts about what is going on in the world away to help them fully concentrate on Allah.

Also Muslims do not eat or drink ~~the~~ around or near the Quran.

(d) (i) Some Muslims would agree with this statement because the whole religion is really centralised about the community so they should pray in a mosque as they would be with their brothers and sisters and this will strengthen the ummah.

Also the mosque has special Friday prayer that is led by the imam and they should go to the mosque for this prayer because it is special.

Also they should pray at the mosque as often as they can for the 5 daily prayers as it is the place of worship for Muslims.

(ii) However some would disagree because they may not be able to make it to a mosque so wouldn't be able to pray at one but they may still pray and have it be more sincere. Also they only need a room that is quiet or silent to pray and as long as they are facing toward mekkah then they shouldn't need a mosque to pray.



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4 (b) Personal opinion supported by one developed reason
not the right law....developed by...hasn't been updated
2 marks

The second part of the answer cannot be credited because it is not a personal view. It says....*Muslims may disagree...*

4 (c) Four ways given

- i ...kept in a high place
- ii ...kept dust free
- iii ...washing ritual before reading
- iv ...correct frame of mind

Level 4

8 marks

4 (d)(i) The candidate starts the answer with 'Some Muslims would agree' and then continues to write about 'they' so there is no evidence of the candidate's personal viewpoint. This means that no marks can be awarded
0 marks

4(d)(ii) This part can be credited because it is a disagreement supported by two reasons, with the first one developed

- i.*not be able to make it to a mosque.....developed by.....be more sincere*
- ii ..only need a room that is quiet

3 marks



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Examiner Tip

Always remember to include words that make it clear to the examiner that your answer is your opinion.

In this example, if the candidate had simply added 'I think that.....' to the beginning of the answer, marks would not have been lost.

Question 5 (a)

The majority of candidates who answered this question knew what Id-ul-Fitr was. A few confused it with Id-ul-Adha.

- (a) Id-ul-Fitr is the celebration of the end of the fasting of the month of Ramadhan. It is a celebration that all Muslims celebrate after the last day of Ramadhan.
- (b) I think that everyone should give zakat because it helps to unite people. In Islam Muslims are taught not to be rich at the expense of others. All people should give zakat to help the poor and needy. Alms unites everyone and is a good time to do.



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Examiner Comments

A clear and full definition

(a) the festival of breaking the fast.

(b) Yes, I think that everyone should give zakat as it is one of the 5 pillars of Islam and therefore it should be given as you are following Allah's command and it is compulsory to give zakat.



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Examiner Comments

A short but accurate definition because it included the essential elements of celebration and ending the fast.

(a) Id-ul-Fitr is a celebration
muslims celebrate after Ramadan.

(b) Everyone should give Zakat as
it is a pillar of Islam
and it is mentioned in the
Quran and Hadith.

Everyone that is able and



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Again a different wording but clearly correct

Question 5 (b) (c) (d)

This question was well answered with candidates showing good understanding of Islamic beliefs. The best candidates were able to give excellent evaluations in Q5 (d) with statements about the importance of niyyah in any act of worship.

In Q5 (b) some candidates misunderstood the question about 'everyone' and answered from a purely Muslim point of view. Because this is essentially a faith paper these candidates were not penalised.

In this example the candidate was credited for a personal opinion in (b) because they started with 'everyone should'. This reads as though the candidate is speaking and expressing their viewpoint. They have not attributed the idea to anyone else eg they have not writtenMuslims think that....

(b) everyone should give zakah because it one of the 5 pillars of Islaam, and it must be ~~one~~ ^{given} if your not poor.

Zakah is one of the ways the Ummah comes closer.

(c) Shahadah is the first pillar of Islaam. Shahadah is the key part of muslims, without ~~shahadah~~ ^{Shahadah} a person is not a muslim.

Shahadah is the oneness of Allah believing that there is no partner ~~except~~ with Allah, and that Allah has no children or parents.

Not believing in Shahadah is known as *shirk*, *shirk* is the worst sin a Muslim can do so therefore it is important for Muslims.

~~Shahadah~~ If a person prays or gives *zakat* or does ~~any~~ any good deed, none of it will be accepted ~~and~~ until the person believes in Shahadah.

(d) (i) I disagree because they are other ways how a person can become close to Allah.

~~Another can get closer to Allah, or he could give zakah etc.~~

Muslims can fast to get closer to Allah, or they could give zakah.

(iii) Namaz is the first ~~that~~ act to be reckoned by Allah on the day of judgement. Muslims will not enter Jannah if there namaz is read.



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5 (b) Personal opinion supported by two reasons, the first one developed

i *One of the 5 pillars.....developed by...must be given*

ii *Ummah comes closer*

3 marks

5 (c) Three reasons are credited, with the first one developed

i *...first pillar.....developed by....not a muslim*

ii *....not believing is shirk*

iii *....none of it accepted*

Level 4

8 marks

5 (d) (i) Personal opinion with one fully developed reason

...other ways....developed by...can fast...further developed by...could give zakah

3 marks

5 (d) (ii) Opposite viewpoint supported by one developed reason

...first act to be judged...developed by....not enter Jannah

2 marks

In this example the candidate has given three reasons in Q5 (b) but can only be credited for two. The last sentence contains two ideas and therefore is not a developed reason.

(b) Yes I think everyone should give Zakah as it is obligatory on every sane Muslim.

Also it gives your Money Barakah and is an act of kindness and charity.

(c) The Shahadah is important as it is the declaration of faith, it is by saying these words from the heart that you become Muslim.

The shahadah is one of the first things a Muslim baby hears once it is born.

Also when someone converts to Islam they have to say the shahadah and it is very important to them.

(d) (i) No I do not agree that prayer is the only way to become close to Allah.

There are many other ways to get closer to Allah, for example doing good deeds or helping others.

Also sometimes Muslims pray to Allah but they are still sinning and do not get close to Allah.

(ii) Some people may disagree with me as prayer is a conversation with you and Allah so it brings you more closer to him than anything else.

Furthermore prayer is something that only you and Allah know about which makes it special and brings you closer to Allah.



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5 (b) Personal opinion supported by two basic reasons

- i ...obligatory on every Muslim
- ii ...gives your money Barakat

2 marks

5 (c) Two reasons for the importance are given with the first one developed

- i Declaration of faith....developed by...become a Muslim
- ii ...when someone converts.....

Level 3

6 marks

5 (d)(i) Personal opinion supported by two reasons

- i doing good deeds
- ii helping others

2 marks

5 (d)(ii) Two reasons given in disagreement, with the second one developed

- i ...prayer is a conversation
- ii ...only you and Allah know about...developed by...makes it special

3 marks

(b) Yes, I think that everyone should give zakat because Zakat makes ~~everyone~~ the giver feel humble which is a rare and valuable characteristic. Also, giving zakat will eliminate poverty as if every rich person was to give money to the poor annually the poverty problem would be solved, and the poor would feel like the rich care about them. Everyone should also give zakat because it is mentioned in the Quran to dispense zakat and it is also the third pillar of Islam.

(c) The Shahadah is the most important thing in a life of a Muslim for ~~many~~ various reasons. Firstly, the Shahadah is the most basic ~~thing~~ principle in

Islam and all everything else stems from this declaration of faith in Allah and his prophet, from Hajj to even Salah. Secondly, Shahadah is the one thing you need to believe in to call yourself a Muslim. Without Tawhid and Shahada you are simply not a Muslim. A reason why the Shahadah is the most important thing to a Muslim is because without it when you die you can't enter Al-Jannah, which means you will go to ~~the~~ Jahannam. Lastly Muhammad came to ~~us~~ to tell us to believe in the Shahadah, so if it wasn't an important thing then there wouldn't be a need for ~~it~~ the seal of the prophets to come.

(d) (i) No I don't agree with this statement because there are many other ways of getting close to Allah like helping the poor or even going on hajj can completely change a person ~~and~~ consequently in them being closer to Allah as they are without any sins. Also, prayer is a must so ~~to go~~ it is a duty owed to Allah and doing extra things on top that are voluntary will help ~~to~~ get ^{even} closer to Allah. Also you can be praying and not have niyyah which makes the prayer meaningless.

(ii) Some people may disagree with me because of the fact that Salah is the most important pillar ~~is~~ amongst the practical pillars (sawm, zakah, hajj and salah.) So fulfilling the most important thing is obeying Allah which results in you getting closer to Allah. Also prayer is a way of communicating with Allah and if you are communicating with something everyday 5 times a day you are bound to get closer; it's a fact.



5 (b) A personal opinion with two developed reasons

i ...*feel humble*.....developed by...*valuable characteristic*

ii ...*eliminate poverty*...developed by.....*rich care about them*

4 marks

5 (c) Three reasons credited, one of which is developed

i. ...*basic principle*..... developed by ...*from hajj to even salah*

ii....*call yourself a Muslim*

iii ...*go to Jahannah*

Level 4

8 marks

5 (d)(i) A personal opinion supported by two reasons, with the second one developed

i ..*helping the poor*

ii ...*going on hajj*...developed by*without any sins*

3 marks

5 (d)(ii) Opposite point of view supported by two reasons with one developed

i ...*most important pillar*

ii ...*communicating with Allah*.....developed by.....*5 times a day*

3 marks

Question 6 (a)

Candidates had an excellent understanding of the meaning and purpose of wudu. Only a few lost a mark by simply referring to washing, with no concept of the reason for it.

(a) Wudu is the ritual of washing before prayer.

(b) I think everyone should fast because it helps people discipline themselves and not give in to temptation ~~by~~ so it helps people to build self control, also fasting allows people to experience what other people, who don't have



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A clear and precise definition

(a) Wudu is a ritual before doing anything to clean yourself or to wash yourself.

(b) NO I don't think everyone should fast because some people may have illnesses which don't allow them to fast or they may have to take a medication. Also not all people live pregnant people



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This answer was awarded 2 marks because although there is no mention of prayer or reading the Qur'an, it is clear from the word 'ritual' that this was not ordinary washing.

(a) Wudu is the ablution before salah.

(b) Yes, I think everyone should fast. This is because it is in the Quran and it is Allah's command. Fasting makes Muslims feel how to live like the poor. i.e. with no food or



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An excellent definition using the technical term for ritual washing - ablution

Question 6 (b) (c) (d)

Candidates answered this question well with some excellent responses to (b) and (c). Some candidates confused the two Ids on (c) but those who wrote about Id-ul-Fitr gave very clear answers about the importance of this festival.

However, on (d), some candidates did not have a clear knowledge of the events of hajj and consequently lost marks.

(b) I think that everyone should fast because this is one of the 5 pillars of Islam that every muslim should fulfill. We also are told that we should follow the Prophets footsteps, and because he fasted, we as muslims should ~~too~~ ~~also~~ too, for the sake of Allah. Fasting also benefits us as muslims by making us patient, getting into the habit of praying 5 times a day, respecting one another etc therefore we should do so. However ~~we~~ we are not entitled to if we ~~haven't~~ haven't reached puberty yet, also if we are ill or need to take medication you don't need to fast.

(c) Id-ul-Fitr is the ~~or~~ celebration of breaking our fast, and due to the fact that every muslim ~~on~~ around the ~~world~~, ~~ones~~ world parts, it ~~show~~ shows uniting of

The Ummah, therefore it is important to us, because having an Ummah is important to us. All muslims speak different languages, perform different cultures, different gender, race, age etc and Allah has told us through the Quran and through hadith that equality is important to a muslim, therefore Id-ul-Fitr is important to muslims, because that is a chance to fulfill equality.

(d) (i) I agree because when you stone the pillars it means you stoning Satan, because that's where Satan tried to make one of the prophets disobey Allah by not sacrificing his son. However, there are other important parts of Hajj like, tawaf, Arafat etc.

(ii) Some may disagree with me because they may believe that there are other important parts other than Mina, there's Arafat, where pilgrims confess their sins there's also the walking between Al-Safa and al-Musayfa, there's also the tawaf, when you go around the Kabah seven times. Also at these other important parts of Hajj, your sins will be getting forgiven, which is better for you, rather than stoning the pillars, which is beneficial but not equally beneficial.



6 (b) Personal opinion supported by two reasons, with the second one developed

i*Follow the Prophets footsteps*

ii ...*makes us patient.....developed by....habit of praying...*

3 marks

6 (c) Two reasons credited with the second one developed

i ...*breaking the fast*

ii ...*uniting the ummah...developed by...equality is important*

Level 3

6 marks

6 (d)(i) Personal opinion supported by one developed reason

...*stoning satan...developed by....not sacrificing his son*

2 marks

The last part is disagreeing with the candidate's first statement

6 (d)(ii) Opposite viewpoint with one fully developed reason

...*Arafat...developed by.....sins will be getting forgiven...further developed by....better for you*

3 marks



Always reread your work so that you do not lose marks by mixing up your statements.

(b) NO I don't think everyone should fast because some people may have illnesses which don't allow them to fast or they may have to take a medication. Also not all people like pregnant people should not fast because you are becoming a mum and will raise your little babies like and your baby might be weak.

(c) ~~and~~ ^{Id}-ul-Fitr is important for Muslims because it's a festival of celebrating the breaking of the fasting. Also Id-ul-Fitr is also important because families and friends get together. Id-ul-Fitr is also important because it's a day of celebrating as well as when everyone wears new clothing and make special food. Everyone gathers such as family and friends have a meal. take

(d) (i) NO because the most important part of Hajj is confessing your sins and asking for forgiveness in the city of Arafat. But stoning is a part of your Hajj.

(ii) Some people may disagree because they might say Storing is major part of it because they may not know whats going on at other parts but storing they do. They might think storing is ~~be~~ major because from Mina you pick up pebbles and go to the other place and hit them at the straiten.



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6 (b) Personal opinion with two developed reasons

i ...illnesses.....developed by..... examples

ii ...pregnant people..developed by....might be weak

4 marks

6 (c) Two reasons given

i ...celebrate the end of fasting

ii ...friends and family get together

Level 2

4 marks

6 (d)(i) Personal opinion with one developed reason

....confessing your sins....developed by.....asking forgiveness

2 marks

6 (d)(ii) Opposite viewpoint with one simple reason

...might not know whats going on

1 mark

(b) ~~Yes~~ No as a Muslim I do not think that everyone should fast as some people are exempt from fasting such as children who have not yet reached puberty, women who are pregnant or are breastfeeding, elderly that would not have the strength to fast and travellers. However, these people must pay money to the poor to make up for their fasts.

Also, some people who are mentally unable or weak do not need to fast because they are not in the right state of mind and may not have the ability to make niyyah (intention) of the fast.

Therefore, I do not think that everyone should fast because Allah (SWT) has excused some people from fasting.

(c) Id-ul-fitr is important for Muslims because it is the festival for breaking the fast and is a celebration of the hard work that Muslims have done in the past month by fasting for ~~3~~ thirty days.

Also Id-ul-Fitr is a day in which families gather and thank Allah for what he has provided for them and they all have a daytime ~~dinner~~ meal for the first time in a month, this is important for Muslims because they remember all the poor people who do not get any food and thank Allah for everything that he has given them.

Furthermore, on Id-ul-Fitr Muslims give Zakaah to the poor which is 2.5 percent of their years savings, earnings, jewellery etc, this is to ensure that the less fortunate are able to enjoy this day as well and reminds Muslims of what Allah has given them. Zakaah is also a pillar of Islam which on the day of Id-ul-Fitr each year Muslims are following and ^{on this day} they also fulfil their duty to other muslims world-wide (Ummah).

Therefore, Id-ul-Fitr is important to Muslims.

"Stoning the Pillars is the most important part of Hajj"

(d) (i) As a Muslim I disagree with the statement as the whole of Hajj is important and each activity ~~undertake~~ undertaken at Hajj is relevant and signifies an event in Islamic History.

Also, according to most Muslims the most highly thought of act in Hajj is Arafat because that is where Allah forgives all your sins after you confess and you are like a 'newborn baby' as your sins have all been forgiven and you start afresh.

Similarly, some Muslims regard different actions at Hajj such as Tawaf and Mina the most important, but ~~the~~ all Hajj should (iii) be equally important to Muslims.

However, some people may disagree with me and say that stoning the pillars is the most important part of Hajj because this signifies the time which prophet Ibrahim (AS) turned away the Shaytaan who was persuading him not to sacrifice his son Ismail (AS). Ibrahim (AS) at three different places refused to listen to the Shaytaan and prepared to ~~sets~~ sacrifice his son for Allah. Thus, the stoning of the pillars is ^{the most} important part of Hajj as it signifies that Ibrahim (AS) would do anything for Allah even sacrifice his son so we should also follow his example as Muslims.



6 (b) personal opinion supported by two developed reasons

i *...some people exempt... developed by ...with examples*

ii *...not in the right state of mind.....not the ability to make niyyah*

4 marks

6(c) Three reasons credited, the first one developed

i *....breaking the fast...developed by....hard work ...*

ii *....families together*

iii *...thank Allah*

Level 4

8 marks

6 (d)(i) Personal opinion supported by two reasons, with one developed

i *...each activity undertaken is relevant*

ii *..Allah forgives your sins.....developed by... start afresh*

3 marks

6 (d)(ii) One fully developed reason

..... turned away from shaytaan.....developed by...would do anything for Allah...

further developed by..should follow his example

3 marks

Question 7 (a)

The majority of candidates who answered this question gained full marks. The glossary definition was straightforward but many interpreted an Islamic school as one usually based in a mosque. Those who did not achieve two marks failed to show the difference between learning about Islam in a school and the specific teaching received in a madrassah.

(a) a place where Muslims go to learn about Islam and the Quran.

(b) No it should not be changed because drinking cause a person to lose control of their mind and do various stupid stuff and it also affects ones health health and this body is not ~~our~~ ours



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There is no indication, here, that it is a specific school, therefore this is awarded 1 mark.



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In order for definitions to gain full marks they must be very specific.

Question 7 (b) (c) (d)

This question challenged students, who found Q7 (c) very difficult to answer. Many gave reasons why riba was wrong but failed to identify where this would cause difficulties. Another area of difficulty was in Q7 (d) where some candidates did not understand the concept of religious dress.

Answers on 7Q (b) were excellent and varied, with many candidates able to explain the Islamic teaching well.

(b) I believe the Muslim law on alcohol should not be changed because firstly, alcohol intoxicates a person and makes that person not know what actions they are doing. This could lead to someone committing zina which would destroy a family. The destruction of the family would be very bad because Allah promotes the idea of a family.

Secondly, Allah says in the Quran that even though alcohol has good stuff to do with it such as healing wounds, the bad of alcohol still outweighs the good and the Shariah law on alcohol can still be applied today because it is for people at all times.

(c) The law of riba, interest, has many affects on a Muslim's living in the UK. One of which is that the Muslim will struggle to buy a house because many

banking companies include interest in their plan for the ~~next~~ mortgage.

Moreover, Muslims struggle to attain a loan from a bank because many banks in the UK do interest thus making the Muslim have troubles getting a loan.

In addition, when they open a bank account with one branch such as Barclays or Lloyds TSB they have to opt out of receiving interest after every month, this can be a real hassle because not many banks allow a person to not receive interest thus making the Muslim the owner of his own money.

Furthermore, when a person is renting a house from a land lord they will have to agree to or on whether or not they want interest. If it is a non-muslim land lord the Muslim renter may have troubles avoiding interest because it is part of the contract they sign for the rent.

(d) (i) Yes, I agree with the statement because Allah tells humans to dress modestly. Moreover, dressing in a religious manner shows that the person does not care about how society perceives him he only cares about pleasing Allah thus showing obedience to Allah.

(ii) On the contrary, people may disagree with me because they may believe that someone could be forced to wear those clothes. Moreover, they may live in an area where, if you don't wear the clothing you are not considered Muslim so they wear the clothes not to be obedient to Allah but to blend in with society.



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7 (b) Clear personal opinion supported by two developed reasons

i ...not know their actions...developed by...committing zina

ii ...bad outweighs the good...developed by.....so law for all times

4 marks

7 (c) Four ways given

istruggle to buy a house

iidifficulty getting a loan from a bank

iii ...hard to refuse interest from a bank so receiving haram money

iv ...renting from non-muslim landlords

Level 4

8 marks

7 (d)(i) A personal opinion supported by two reasons, the second one developed

i ...Allah tells humans...

ii ..Shows person does not care about how society...developed by...pleasing Allah

3 marks

7(d)(ii) Opposite opinion supported by three reasons

i ...forced to wear them

ii ...not considered a Muslim

iii ..blend in with society

3 marks

In this example the candidate has written a great deal in (c) but most of it is explaining the reasons against riba, not the difficulties it might cause.

(b) No + disagree the law should be the same for ~~alcohol~~^{alcohol} ~~beer~~ where muslim are not allowed to drink ~~alcohol~~^{alcohol} simply because when drinking alcohol you are not in control of yourself and ~~the~~ Allah wants you to be in control of yourself and getting yourself drunk is affecting your health and ~~your~~^{your} liver and cirrhosis is getting damaged and you~~s~~ are hurting yourself and ~~god~~ Allah thinks this as an act or commit suicide.

(c) Allah had said by getting yourself in debt is the worst thing that you can ~~do~~^{ever} do because it's very hard to

Pay off at the end and then you have to make arrangements in organising money and when you borrow money people charge interest (riba) and A'Uch does not like this he wants people to work and earn their own money, not taking interest of others and ~~he~~ ^{A'Uch} does not like that so that when A'Uch does not want ~~to~~ ^{no} one taking interest of others ^{money} and instead wants them to work and earn their money themselves. In the UK you can borrow money from banks and charge you interest and sometimes off ^{relatives} ~~relatives~~ or ^{Family} ~~family~~ and ^{Friends} ~~friends~~ and they should not charge interest when wanting the money back if you are ^{are} a Muslim.

(d) (i) yes I agree it shows that you are following muon teaching on shari'ah law and you are acting upon ~~it~~ ^{it}. ~~it~~
^{THIS IS} ~~ACTION~~ teaching and following the prophet Muhammad (saw) Sunnah as well by following his footsteps as well.

(ii) I disagree because people may naturally like ~~wearing~~ ^{wearing clothes} enjoy wearing them and feel comfortable in them and people may just be wearing them just for their own sake.



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7 (b) A personal opinion supported by two developed reasons

i ...not in control.....developed by...Allah wants you to be in control

ii ..affecting your health.....developed by...act of suicide

4 marks

7 (c) One reason described

Level 1

2 marks

7 (d) (i) A personal opinion supported by one fully developed reason

...following Allah's teaching.....developed by ..acting on Shari'ah law.....further developed by ...following the Prophet

3 marks

7 (d)(ii) Opposite viewpoint supported by one developed reason

...feel comfortable.....developed byfor their own sake.

2 marks

(b) I don't think the Muslim Law on alcohol should be changed. Alcohol is haram (forbidden) and shouldn't be drunk by any Muslims. It says this in the Qur'an and Muslims must live by this teaching.

Also it can affect Muslim families. Alcohol affects the way you are it change a person for worse and therefore destroy their family. The alcoholic may even get kicked out their house and have no place to live.

(c) The Laws on Riba can affect a Muslim living in the UK majorly. AS borrowing money from most places in the UK such as banks

comes with interest and the Laws on Riba mean that when borrowing money no interest should be charged.

It can be hard for Muslims because if they need to borrow money they have to pay interest to the banks as it is the law here and they have to follow it.

Also it may be hard for them because if they are really struggling they have no choice but to ~~pay~~ borrow money from wherever they can ~~whether~~ whether it comes with interest or not.

Lastly to buy properties in the UK you have to pay mortgage and that comes with interest. This means that they can't even buy a house in the country without having to break the Laws on Riba. As they would need a place to stay so have to take out a mortgage.

(d) (i) I agree that wearing religious dresses shows obedience to Allah. This is because in the Qur'an it tells Muslim women to cover up. As well as obeying Allah, it shows modesty towards the woman. They have to be covered up so no man can see them in a manner they don't want to be seen in. Only their father, brothers and husband can.

(iii) People may disagree with me because they may feel women are just getting forced to dress like that by their families. It's not by choice so it doesn't show obedience to Allah. This can be shown in various other ways rather than just covering themselves up. No one should be forced to do anything they don't want to.



7 (b) Personal opinion supported by two developed reasons

i *Alcohol is haram....developed by....live by this teaching*

ii *...change a person for the worse...developed by...destroy their family*

4 marks

7 (c) Two developed ways

i *Borrowing money difficult...developed by... struggling*

ii *Unable to buy a house....developed by...mortgages charge interest*

Level 4

8 marks

7 (d)(i) Personal opinion with one reason

...In the Qur'an it tells women to cover up.

1 mark

7 (d)(ii) Opposite viewpoint with one developed reason

...forced to dress.....developed by...not from choice therefore does not show obedience.

2 marks

Question 8 (a)

Most candidates achieved full marks on this question but a few gave examples of things that were haram or only referred to forbidden meat, and therefore were unable to obtain two marks.

(a) THE LAWS ON HOW MUSLIMS EAT



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Partially correct as an example of haram, not a definition

(a) Haram: That which is forbidden or unlawful.

(b) Yes, I do think that everyone should keep the halal laws because it guides you to the ~~to~~ right path and keeps you away from wrong and harmful things which can harm you so I do think



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A clear and correct definition
2 marks

Question 8 (b) (c) (d)

There were some very good answers to Q8 (b)(c)(d) but many candidates did not understand what was meant by community cohesion. These candidates either wrote about strengthening the ummah or how Muslims work to convert others to Islam.

(b) Muslims should follow halal laws as it is said by Allah that it is what one must do to gain access to paradise. Also, Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) followed these halal laws and he is the best role model for Muslims. Furthermore halal laws prevent addiction to drugs, and gambling etc, therefore improving standards of living for entire families.

(c) Some Muslims work for charities to promote community and social cohesion. An example is the Hurraini Islamic Centre in North London where Muslims help

the poor by offering food, shelter and money. They also collect unwanted furniture and take it to those who are in need for free. This creates cohesion between the poor and those who are better off.

Muslims also pay zakah to help others and can ~~pay~~ ^{give} shadagah also as a voluntary gift to aid others.

Many Muslims respect other religions although they believe that Islam contains the whole truth. This can be shown when Muslims formed a barrier between protesters and Christians who were worshipping to show that they should be treated fairly.

Everyone is equal in Allah's judgement therefore Muslims should offer support to all.

Muslims can offer others loans without interest to allow others to live sufficiently.

(d) (i) It is easier to be a Muslim in a Muslim country as they follow Shari'ah law which provides a straight path to paradise. Also, they are able to be with many other Muslims who can guide them on the right path to Allah. Furthermore, there is not as much temptation as there is in Western society. Alcohol and drugs would be haram however in the UK they are readily available.

(ii) Some may argue that to live in a non-Muslim country benefits Muslims as they become more aware of self-discipline and control.

It does not matter where you live Allah is constantly aware (taqwa) of your intentions and knows if you are sincere. Muslims can still seek guidance from the Qur'an even though the country does not follow Shari'ah law.



8 (b) Personal opinion supported by two developed reasons

- i ...said by Allah..developed by...gain access to paradise
- ii Prophet followed.....developed by.....best role model

4 marks

8 (c) Two ways, with the first one fully developed

- i Hussani centre, developed with examples
- ii An example of Muslims creating a barrier

Level 4

8 marks

8 (d)(i) A personal opinion supported by three reasons

- i Shari'ah law provides a straight path
- ii ...many other Muslims who can guide
- iii ...isn't so much temptation

3 marks

8 (d)(ii) Opposite viewpoint supported by three reasons

- i ...more aware of self-discipline
- ii ...Allah is aware of your intentions
- iii ...seek guidance from the Qur'an

3 marks

(b) Yes! Because if products were not halal Muslims would start many campaigns and more people will get angry.

Secondly if products and shops didn't have the halal sign how would Muslims know which is halal.

(c) Muslims are involved in working for social and community cohesion because we want to make this world a better place. And uniting communities is a good place to start.

(d) (i) No! It doesn't really matter what environment you're in a mosque can not be affected by the area they go to in. weather the mosque is rain away or rain they can still go there or even pray at home.

(ii) others might disagree with me because in Makkah if you do a good deed then your good deed will count a lot more than it would if in other countries and if you do a bad sin then it will be covered as well more because they are in a religious city.



ResultsPlus Examiner Comments

8 (b) A personal opinion with one developed reason
...start complaints...developed by...get angry

2 marks

8 (c) This candidate has not answered **how** Muslims work for community cohesion but Level 1 was awarded for the reason **why** they do the work.

Level 1

2 marks

8 (d)(i) A personal opinion with one fully developed reason
...what environment...developed by...not be affected by the area...developed further by...even pray at home

3 marks

8 (d)(ii) Opposite opinion given with one reason

...a good deed will count a lot more

1 mark

This answer does not really address the question.



ResultsPlus Examiner Tip

Read the question carefully.

Marks are lost in this answer because the candidate gave reasons for the work, not what work was done.

(b) No I don't think everyone should keep halal laws because everyone should have a free will and do what they want.

It would be a lot easier for people to get on with each other without halal laws.

(c) Muslims are involved in social and community cohesion because they give zarah to the poor and needy. They help widows and orphans. They ^{help} unite broken families.

The Muslims use the mosque to support social and community cohesion. They have classes for kids that teach them Qur'an and about Islam. Mosques hold weekend activities which are used to bring families together.

(d) (i) I agree because muslim countries have the shariah law which helps muslims to stay away from sins and live by the rules and regulations of Islam.

(ii) Some people may disagree with me because there are proper Muslims in non-muslim countries such as the UK.

It isn't the country that determines how good a muslim is, it's his actions and ~~the~~ ^{lifestyle} that show he's a proper Muslim.



8 (b) A personal opinion supported by one developed reason

...should have free will...developed by...do what they want

2 marks

8 (c) One way credited

...give Zakah to poor

Level 1

2 marks

This candidate has confused social and community cohesion with the ummah.

8 (d)(i) A personal opinion supported by one fully developed reason

...shariah law...developed by...away for sins...further developed by....regulations of Islam

3 marks

8 (d)(ii) Opposite point of view supported by one fully developed reason

...it is not the country...developed by.....how good he is developed by.....actions and lifestyle..

3 marks

Paper Summary

Based on their performance on this paper, candidates are offered the following advice.

- Always time your answers so that you can complete Section 4
- Use the glossary definitions to ensure full marks on (a)
- Start (b) and (d) questions with a clear personal statement
- Read the (c) questions carefully so that you do not give **why** answers to **how** questions
- Write within the space provided so that the examiner can read all of your answer

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