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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Islam

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
1(a)	<p>Award one mark for providing a way. Award a second mark for development of the way. Up to a maximum of four marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sunnah of the Prophet is a guide to behaviour (1) because Muslims believe the Prophet to be the perfect exemplar (1) The importance of the sunnah is taught in the Qur'an (1) which says that Muslims should imitate Muhammad (1) Muslims believe that the sunnah can elaborate on Qur'anic teaching (1) such as how and when Muslims should pray (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeated way / development. Development that does not relate to both the way given and the question. 	(4)

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1(b)	<p>Students will develop responses using ideas/reasoning/arguments such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shari'ah is important in daily life because it is Islam's legal system. It carries authority because it is derived from the Qur'an as well as the sunnah and hadith - the deeds and sayings of the Prophet Muhammad The Shari'ah acts as a code for living that all Muslims try to adhere to, including prayers, fasting and donations to the poor. In this way it helps Muslims understand how they should lead their lives according to the wishes of Allah As, in Arabic, Shari'ah means 'the clear, well-trodden path to water' it is understood as something that brings clarity, where an answer cannot be derived directly the Qur'an or sunnah. <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	(6)

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0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No rewardable material.
1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited use of religious terms. Description of relevant religion, beliefs and values is mostly satisfactory. Gives a partial explanation of the significance and influence of beliefs and values.
4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of religious terms is appropriate and shows understanding. Explanation of relevant religion, beliefs and values is comprehensive. Explanation of significance and influence of beliefs and values is assured and comprehensive.

Question number	Indicative content
1(c)	<p>The student must underpin their analysis and evaluation with knowledge and understanding. The student will be required to demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding as well as accuracy of religion and belief when responding to the question and in meeting AO2 descriptors described below.</p> <p>The student will develop responses using ideas/reasoning/arguments such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muhammad's final sermon is considered by many Muslims to be a key part of his legacy, a summary of what he considered most important, and therefore some may believe it provides all that is essential The final sermon has been taught to Muslims all over the world in various ways because Muslims believe it touches on some of the most important rights Allah has over humanity, and the responsibilities that people have for each other The sermon touches on some very important social issues that are relevant to Muslims today, such as the treatment of women, racism and justice in the distribution of wealth The sermon provides guidance on what can be considered the key goal of all Muslims, to live a life that is pleasing to Allah, to gain a good judgment and to be rewarded with entry to paradise The sermon is quite brief, and some Muslims will argue that it cannot contain all of the important teachings, and that is why there is such importance placed on the collections of Hadith, and in establishing their authenticity Whilst the main focus of the sermon is on practical advice about how to live a Muslim life, it can be argued that it is the beliefs about the nature of Allah that are the principal foundation of Islam.

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4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates limited understanding of religion and belief. • Deconstructs religious information/issues, and makes superficial connections between many but not all of the elements in the question. • Judgements of a limited range of elements in the question are made. Judgements are supported by an attempt to appraise evidence, much of which may be superficial leading to a conclusion that is not fully justified.
7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates accurate understanding of religion and belief. • Deconstructs religious information/issues, leading to coherent and logical chains of reasoning that consider different viewpoints and that make connections between many but not all of the elements in the question. • Constructs coherent and reasoned judgements of many but not all of elements in the question. Judgements are supported by the appraisal of evidence, some of which may be superficial leading to a partially justified conclusion.
9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates sustained accurate and thorough understanding of religion and belief. • Critically deconstructs religious information/issues, leading to coherent and logical chains of reasoning that consider different viewpoints and that make connections between the full range of elements in the question. • Constructs coherent and reasoned judgements of the full range of elements in the question. Judgements are fully supported by the comprehensive appraisal of evidence, leading to a fully justified conclusion.

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2(a)	<p>Award one mark for providing a way. Award a second mark for development of the way. Up to a maximum of four marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Eid ul-Adha Muslims sacrifice an animal (1) because it celebrates the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated way / development. • Development that does not relate to both the way given 	(4)

	<p>willingness of Ibrahim to sacrifice his son (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muslims will attend special prayers in the mosque (1) and renew their commitment to living a good Muslim life (1) • At Eid ul-Adha Muslims express the surrender of their will to Allah (1) which is the very meaning of the Muslim faith (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	and the question.	
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2(b)	<p>Students will develop responses using ideas/reasoning/arguments such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eid ul-Fitr is celebrated as a special time of prayer because Muslims want to express how grateful they are to Allah for the good things they enjoy • Eid ul-Fitr provides a special opportunity for Muslims to visit the mosque to thank Allah for this gift of his guidance, because the Qur'an was first revealed during Ramadan • Eid ul-Fitr includes acts of generosity towards those in need. This allows all Muslims to take part in the celebration, and thereby strengthens the ummah. <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	(6)

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3(a)	<p>Award one mark for providing a feature. Award a second mark for development of the feature. Up to a maximum of four marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mosque will contain a prayer hall (1) where the Muslim community can gather for Jum'a prayers (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated feature / development. • Development that does not relate to both the feature 	(4)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a mihrab (1) so that Muslims can pray facing Makkah (1) • Often there will be a room set aside for teaching (1) so that young Muslims can be taught to read the Qur'an (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	given and the question.	
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3(b)	<p>Students will develop responses using ideas/reasoning/arguments such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muhammad encouraged Muslims to pray often at home, so that the homes should not become 'like graves'. It is seen as a way of dedicating the home and family in a way that honours Allah • Much Muslim prayer takes place in the home because this responds to the command to pray five times a day, including at sunrise when people first arise from sleep, and also the night time prayer, after sunset • The home is an important place of prayer for Muslim women and young children, who generally do not attend the mosque. The home is therefore important as the place where women can pray regularly, and also teach their children the value of regular prayer. <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	(6)

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