First exam in June 2026

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GCSE (Short course) RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Section 3: Islam

Sample assessment materials Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

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Question	Mark
TOTAL	

Materials

Before you open this booklet, you must ensure you have:

- the question paper/answer booklet for the other **religion section** you are entered for (Christianity, Buddhism, **or** Judaism)
- the question paper/answer booklet for Themes.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at both the top of all booklets.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.

Information

- The maximum mark for this option is 27.
- The marks for the questions are shown in brackets.
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) will be assessed in the 12-mark question.

Advice

You will have 1 hour 45 minutes to complete **all** question paper/answer booklets. You are advised to spend 50 minutes on the religion options and 50 minutes on Themes.

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SECTION A: BELIEFS

0 1 . 1 Which **one** of the following expresses the Muslim belief that God is One?

[1 mark]

Put a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct answer.

A Torah. ☐

B Tariq. ☐

C Tawhid. ☐

D Taqwah. ☐

0 1 . 2 Give **one** quality which Muslims believe God possesses.

[1 mark]

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0 1 . 3 Explain **two** ways in which belief in the Imamate influences Shi'a Muslims.

[4 marks]

0 1 . 4 Explain **two** Muslim beliefs about angels.

Refer to sacred writings or another source of Muslim belief and teaching in your answer.

[6 marks]

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0 1 . 5 ‘The best way for Muslims to learn about their faith is by learning the Qur’an.’

Evaluate this statement.

In your answer you should:
- refer to Muslim teaching
- give reasoned arguments to support this statement
- give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

[12 marks]
[+ 3 SPaG marks]

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END OF QUESTIONS

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