Cambridge Assessment International Education

Cambridge International AS & A Level

ISLAMIC STUDIES **9488/12**

Paper 1 Islamic Beliefs and Practices **October/November 2023**

1 hour 30 minutes

8411311917

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
  - Answer Question 1.
  - Answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

This document has **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

© UCLES 2023

Answer Question 1 and **EITHER** Question 2 **OR** Question 3.

1 Read the following text passages then answer the questions which follow.

Hadith 75
Ibnʿ Abbas (May Allah be pleased with them) reported that the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) used to supplicate:
"O Allah! To You I have submitted, and in You do I believe, and in You I put my trust, to You do I turn, and for You I argued. O Allah, I seek refuge with You through Your Power; there is none worthy of worship except You Alone; that You safeguard me against going astray. You are the Ever Living, the One Who sustains and protects all that exists; the One Who never dies, whereas human beings and jinn will all die".

Qurʾan 3.144 The Prophet
Muhammad is no more than a messenger: many Were the messenger that passed away before him. If he died or were slain, will ye then Turn back on your heels? If any did turn back on his heels, not the least harm will he do to Allah; but Allah (on the other hand) will swiftly reward those who (serve Him) with gratitude.

(a) Describe the main teachings of Hadith 75. [5]

(b) Explain how the Prophet (pbuh) reacted to the death of his friends and family. You must refer to Quʾran 3.144 and any other verse from the Qurʾan or Hadith that you have studied. [10]

(c) 'To what extent should Muslims today remember the dead?' Discuss this statement with reference to different points of view. [10]

[Total: 25]

© UCLES 2023

EITHER

2 **(a)** Explain the importance of making the right intention (*niyyah*) in Islam. [10]

(b) 'Fasting is the most private act of worship (*ibadah*) in Islam.' Evaluate this statement. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

3 **(a)** Explain how the revealed word of God acts as guidance to Muslims. [10]

(b) 'It is necessary for Muslims to pray for guidance.' Evaluate this statement. [15]

[Total: 25]

© UCLES 2023

BLANK PAGE

Permission to reproduce items where third-party owned material protected by copyright is included has been sought and cleared where possible. Every reasonable effort has been made by the publisher (UCLES) to trace copyright holders, but if any items requiring clearance have unwittingly been included, the publisher will be pleased to make amends at the earliest possible opportunity.

To avoid the issue of disclosure of answer-related information to candidates, all copyright acknowledgements are reproduced online in the Cambridge Assessment International Education Copyright Acknowledgements Booklet. This is produced for each series of examinations and is freely available to download at www.cambridgeinternational.org after the live examination series.

Cambridge Assessment International Education is part of Cambridge Assessment. Cambridge Assessment is the brand name of the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), which is a department of the University of Cambridge.

© UCLES 2023