Tuesday 15 January 2013 – Morning

AS GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

G578/01/I Islam

QUESTION PAPER INSERT

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

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- This Insert is for your reference only.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer TWO questions.

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- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
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Answer two questions.

1 (a) Explain Islamic beliefs about human responsibility to Allah. [25]

(b) How far is helping others the most important part of living as a Muslim? [10]

2 (a) Explain what Muslims believe is unique about the nature of the Qur’an. [25]

(b) ‘A holy book must be translated so as many believers as possible can understand it.’ Discuss with reference to Islam. [10]

3 (a) Explain how salah and zakah might purify Muslims. [25]

(b) ‘Religious practices benefit the Muslim who does them more than they benefit the Muslim community.’ Discuss. [10]

4 (a) Explain the theological reasons for the absence of statues and portraits in any parts of a mosque. [25]

(b) ‘The desire to spend money on magnificent places of worship is not in line with the example of Muhammad ﷺ.’ Discuss. [10]