3.11 Predestination and Free Will: 10-minute Pack

AQA 8062 · about 10 minutes

Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

1 This question checks key vocabulary used in Muslim teaching about predestination and free will.

(a) State what is meant by Al-Qadar. **(1)**

(b) State what is meant by predestination. **(1)**

(c) State what is meant by free will in the context of Islam. **(1)**

(d) Give the Arabic phrase meaning 'if Allah wills', often used by Muslims when speaking about the future. **(1)**

(e) Give one everyday action that shows a Muslim's belief in Al-Qadar. **(1)**

(Total for Question 1 is 5 marks)

2 Give three things Muslims believe about Al-Qadar.

(Total for Question 2 is 3 marks)

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3 Explain two Muslim beliefs about Al-Qadar (divine decree). Refer to the Qur'an in your answer.

(Total for Question 3 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

(a) predestination/divine decree, the belief that Allah already knows and has decreed what will happen, oe **B1**

(a) Answer: Predestination/divine decree.

(b) the belief that Allah has already determined/decreed what will happen in the future, oe **B1**

(b) Answer: The belief that Allah has already determined what will happen.

(c) the belief that humans are able to make genuine choices about their own actions, oe **B1**

(c) Answer: The belief that humans can make genuine choices about their actions.

(d) insha'Allah, oe **B1**

(d) Answer: Insha'Allah.

(e) e.g. saying insha'Allah when making future plans / accepting hardship patiently as part of Allah's decree, oe **B1**

(e) Answer: E.g. saying insha'Allah when making future plans.

Question 2

Allah knows everything that will happen, oe **B1**

Allah has power over all things, oe **B1**

humans are still held responsible for the choices they make, oe **B1**

Answer: Any three: Allah knows everything that will happen; Allah has power over all things; humans are responsible for their choices.

Question 3

point 1: Allah has decreed/measured out all things in creation, oe **B1**

development: Qur'an 54:49 teaches, 'Indeed, all things We created with predestination (qadar)', oe **B1**

point 2: Allah's knowledge extends completely to the future, since Allah is not limited by time as humans are, oe **B1**

development: this is often linked to Allah's attribute of being all-knowing (Al-Alim), one of the Ninety-Nine Names, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. all things created with predestination (Qur'an 54:49); Allah's complete, timeless knowledge of the future.

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