4.5 Shahadah: The Declaration of Faith: 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 the Shahadah.

(a) State what is meant by Shahadah. **(1)**

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

(c) State what is meant by risalah. **(1)**

(d) Give one occasion when the Shahadah is recited. **(1)**

(e) Give the English translation of the first part of the Shahadah. **(1)**

(Total for Question 1 is 5 marks)

2 Explain two reasons why the Shahadah is important to Muslims. Refer to the Qur'an in your answer.

(Total for Question 2 is 4 marks)

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3 Give three occasions in a Muslim's life when the Shahadah may be recited.

(Total for Question 3 is 3 marks)

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Question 1

(a) the declaration of faith: testifying that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad is His messenger, oe **B1**

(a) Answer: The declaration of faith: there is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is His messenger.

(b) the oneness/unity of Allah, oe **B1**

(b) Answer: The oneness of Allah.

(c) prophethood; belief that Muhammad is the final messenger of Allah, oe **B1**

(c) Answer: Prophethood: belief that Muhammad is the final messenger of Allah.

(d) e.g. whispered into a newborn baby's ear, as part of the call to prayer (adhan), on converting to Islam, or before death, oe **B1**

(d) Answer: E.g. whispered into a newborn baby's ear.

(e) 'There is no god but Allah', oe **B1**

(e) Answer: 'There is no god but Allah.'

Question 2

point 1: it is the foundation of Muslim faith, the first of the Five Pillars, and sincerely expressing it is what makes a person a Muslim, oe **B1**

development: Qur'an 3:18 describes Allah himself, together with the angels and those of knowledge, bearing witness 'that there is no deity except Him', showing the central importance of tawhid to Islamic belief, oe **B1**

point 2: reciting it regularly reminds Muslims of their core beliefs and commitment to Allah, oe **B1**

development: it is recited within the call to prayer (adhan) multiple times a day, keeping tawhid and belief in Muhammad's prophethood at the centre of daily life, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. it is the foundation of Muslim faith and the entry point into Islam (Qur'an 3:18, tawhid); regular recitation in the adhan keeps core beliefs central to daily life.

Question 3

whispered into a newborn baby's ear, oe **B1**

as part of the call to prayer (adhan/iqamah), oe **B1**

when a person converts to Islam, oe (accept also: as part of Salah itself, or spoken to a dying person) **B1**

Answer: Any three: whispered to a newborn baby; in the call to prayer; on conversion to Islam; within Salah; to a dying person.

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