

## Key Words

Monotheism	Tawhid	Sawm	Transcendence	Zakat	Rakat	Immanence	Beneficence	Du'ah
Shahadah	Hajj	Shirk	Sadaqah	Qur'an	Mihrab	Salat	Muezzin	Qiblah
Omnipotence	Adhan	Sunnah	Allah (99 names)	Islam	Minaret	Merciful	Halal	Hadith

## Overview: Introduction to Islam

Islam is the second largest religion in the world after Christianity. It started in the city of Mecca and was founded by the prophet Muhammad who lived from 570-632CE. It is a monotheistic religion with its roots in Judaism. In this sense it has similar origins to Christianity. Muslims start counting the years of the Muslim era from the Hijra in 622CE. This was when Muhammad left the city of Mecca to be welcomed in the city of Medina. In time, Muhammad returned to Mecca triumphant. This was to be the holy city of Islam. It is the location of the Kaaba (cube) which contains a sacred black stone. It is found in the Great Mosque at Mecca. Muslims from all over the world pray in this same direction five times a day.

## Key Concepts

How does the Qur'an affect daily life?  
How do the Hadith and Sunnah help guide Muslims through their core beliefs, teachings and practices?

## Key Sources of Authority

Qur'an  
Hadith  
Sunnah

## Exam Practice

- What is meant by 'Hadith'? (2)
- Describe how Muslims pray at home. (5)
- Explain the Muslim belief about the oneness of Allah. (8)
- 'Muslims should only pray when they want to pray.' Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view (you must refer to religion and belief in your answer). (15)

## Remember!

Remember that the information listed in the following organisers needs to be learnt in its entirety. The question and general information can be found on this overview page.