

Cambridge O Level Islamic Studies 2068 (for examination from 2018)

Suggested resources

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| Title | Islam: Beliefs and Teachings |
| Description | A detailed and well-known book, widely available in many countries and useful for comprehensive coverage of main beliefs and life of Muhammad (pbuh). Would suit higher ability learners. |
| Author | Ghulam Sarwar |
| Publisher | Muslim Educational Trust |
| ISBN | 9780907261452 |
| Published | 2006, 8 th edition |

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| Title | Islam – An Introduction: Teach Yourself |
| Description | A comprehensive guide to topics including Muhammad (pbuh), the Qur'an and worship, as well as modern issues. A Kindle edition is also available. |
| Author | Ruqaiyyah Waris Maqsood |
| Publisher | Teach Yourself |
| ISBN | 9781444103472 |
| Published | 2010 |

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| Title | Islam Made Simple: Flash |
| Description | A shorter version of Maqsood's work (book above) which some learners might find more accessible, covering the main topics. |
| Author | Ruqaiyyah Waris Maqsood |
| Publisher | John Murray |
| ISBN | Kindle edition |
| Published | 2011 |

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| Title | Islamic Studies Level 10 |
| Description | Includes prayer and some Suras relevant to the set passages. Appropriate as a workbook for learners. |
| Author | Hussain Nuri and Mansur Ahmad |
| Publisher | Weekend Learning |
| ISBN | 9781936569243 |
| Published date | 2013, 3 rd edition |

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| Title | Islamic Studies Grade 10 |
| Description | Written in accessible text, covers aspects of prayer, Hadith and Sunnah. Part of a series about Islamic Studies. |
| Author | Molvi Abdul Aziz |
| Publisher | Dar-us-Salam |
| ISBN | 9786035001304 |
| Published date | 2010 |

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| Title | The Sealed Nectar: Biography of the Noble Prophet |
| Description | A detailed, award-winning biography of Muhammad (pbuh) which contains many of the well-known stories from his life. This resource may be selected as relevant to address Paper 1, Section B as well as various additions to topics in other sections. |
| Author | Safi-ur-Rahman al-Mubarkpuri |
| Publisher | Dar-us-Salam |
| ISBN | 9789960899558 |
| Published | 2007 |

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| Title | The Life of Prophet Muhammad [PBUH]: Seerah of Prophet Muhammad [PBUH] |
| Description | Main stories and teachings from the life of Muhammad (pbuh) in a shorter format but still detailed and relevant to Paper 1, Section B and accessible for learners. |
| Author | Hadhrat Moulana Siddeeq Ahmad Baandwi Saheb [R.A.] |
| Publisher | CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform |
| ISBN | 9781523688746 |
| Published | 2016 |

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| Title | The History of the Four Caliphs |
| Description | A detailed history of the Caliphs covered in Paper 2, Section A. The book is lengthy so the most relevant sections should be selected or possibly it could be used for research and homework purposes. |
| Author | Shaykh Muhammad al-Khudari Bak al-Bajuri |
| Publisher | Turath |
| ISBN | 9781906949181 |
| Published | 2012 |

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| Title | Al-Khulafaa ar-Rashidoon The Rightly Guided Caliphs: Based On the authentic sources |
| Description | A succinct history of the four rightly-guided Caliphs including short accounts of the main events in their reign. It has been published in accessible text format and a Kindle edition is also available. |
| Author | Mustafa Raslan |
| Publisher | Independently published |
| ISBN | 9781798763735 |
| Published | 2019 |

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| Title | Stories of the Prophets |
| Description | Detailed stories covering the Prophets studied in Paper 2, Section B as well as others. This book gives Qur’anic quotations which makes it an interesting reading and it is useful for research. A very comprehensive tool. |
| Author | Hafiz Ibn Kathir |
| Publisher | Dar-us-salam |
| ISBN | 9789960892269 |
| Published | 2003 |

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| Title | 25 Prophets of Islam |
| Description | Covers the main points of the stories of the Prophets studied in Paper 2, Section B. It is in a shorter form which some candidates might find more accessible, whilst covering all of the main points including references from the Qur’an. A Kindle edition is also available. |
| Author | Irfan Alli |
| Publisher | Independently published |
| ISBN | 9781520765594 |
| Published | 2017 |

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| Title | iSyllabus for Schools Workbooks |
| Description | A series of five workbooks with material available online and in a printed workbook, available by post. Some free teachers’ materials are available from the web pages associated with the five workbooks. The workbooks provide comprehensive cover of the Islamic Studies course with some extra material, and are laid out with illustrations. A selection of learner activities, homework and exercises are included. |
| Website | https://isyllabusforschools.org/workbooks |

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| Title | A Short Biography of Prophet Muhammad |
| Website | www.quranicstudies.com/prophet-muhammad/a-short-biography-of-prophet-muhammad/ |
| Description | Shorter biography which some learners might find more accessible. Website contains other resources which add to different parts of the syllabus specification including Prophet Yusuf (Joseph) (AS), Qur’an and Prophet Musa (Moses) (AS). |

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| Title | Imam Nawawi's 40 Hadith, Narrations, & Commentary |
| Website | https://40hadithnawawi.com/ |
| Description | Covers the set Hadith passages in the syllabus specification and gives helpful commentaries to assist understanding of each one. Particularly helpful for the texts section of Paper 1, Section C. |

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| Title | Qur'an Transliteration |
| Website | www.quran411.com/ |
| Description | A full Qur'an with Arabic transliteration and Yusuf Ali translation and commentary available by Maududi. Yusuf Ali is the translation used for the set passages on the syllabus specification, and this website covers all of the set passages for paper 1, Section C. |

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| Title | BBC Religions: Islam |
| Website | www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/ |
| Description | Searchable A–Z overview, useful both when introducing a topic and as a revision aid for learners. |

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| Title | Arabia before Islam |
| Website | www.al-islam.org/restatement-history-islam-and-muslims-sayyid-ali-ashgar-razwy/arabia-islam |
| Description | Covers the conditions of politics, trade, education, social conditions and gives the opinions of different scholars about what Arabia was like at the time of the advent of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and his mission. The references to different scholars are particularly useful. This is relevant to Paper 1, Section A. |

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On the basis of Quranic teachings, Islamic belief also recognizes that we inhabit a living spiritual cosmos, containing angels and jinn, which interact with humans and have the capacity to worship God. The Quran sees its message as the affirmation of the many revelations that have preceded it; for each civilization there has been a revealed religion that includes both a revelation and a messenger. Over the centuries there has been much discussion of revelation, reason and mystical insights as sources of knowledge, leading to rich traditions of inquiry in both prose and poetry questions such as freewill, the relation of God and creation, and the possibility of a finite being knowing the Infinite. The fifth edition of *Islam: Beliefs and Teachings* was published in June 1998. This edition saw a number of corrections and amendments to the text. It is one of the best-selling childrens' and adult books on Islam in the world (196,000 copies printed), giving a comprehensive introduction to the religion in an affordably priced and well-produced volume. It is ideal for young The fifth edition of *Islam: Beliefs and Teachings* was published in June 1998. This edition saw a number of corrections and amendments to the text. It is one of the best-selling childrens' and adult books on Islam i Islamic Beliefs What do Muslims believe? "Righteous is he who believes in Allah and the Last Day and the Angels and the Scriptures and the Prophets." Qur'an 2:177. Beliefs are very important in Islam. To be considered a Muslim, one must believe and recite a statement of faith known as the Shahada: "There is no God but God, and Muhammad is his Prophet." There is no other official creed to which one must adhere to be considered a Muslim. However, the "Six Articles of Faith" summarizes Islamic beliefs about God, angels, prophets, the Qu'ran, the afterlife, and pred