

Cambridge International AS & A Level Islamic Studies 9488 (for examination from 2021)

Suggested resources

The textbooks and websites listed below have not been through the Cambridge quality assurance process but have been found suitable for use with various parts of the syllabus by teachers. This resource list includes website links providing direct access to internet resources. Cambridge is not responsible for the accuracy or content of information contained in these websites. The inclusion of a link to an external website should not be understood to be an endorsement of that website or the site's owners (or their products/services).

Textbooks

The following list contains some suggested resources suitable for topics on Paper 1, Paper 2, Paper 3 and Paper 4. The suggested resources are at a suitable level for Cambridge International AS & A Level learners.

Title	An Introduction to Islam
Description	This book covers the main beliefs and practices and some aspects of Shariah.
Author	David Waines
Publisher	Cambridge University Press
ISBN	9788175961890
Published	2004

Title	Introduction to Islam
Description	Covers the practises of Islam, including general history and prayer. Suitable for Paper 1.
Author	Dr Muhammad Hamidullah
Publisher	Kitab Bhavan
ISBN	9788171511549
Published	2009

Paper 1

The books listed below are of particular relevance to the content and assessment of Paper 1.

Title	Islam Beliefs and Teachings
Description	A book that is widely available in many countries and useful for comprehensive coverage of the main beliefs and life of Muhammad (pbuh). Relevant for Paper 1.
Author	Ghulam Sarwar
Publisher	Muslim Educational Trust
ISBN	9780907261452
Published	2006

Title	Islamic Studies Grade 11
Description	The first of two books written from the perspective of an Islamic school's curriculum. Covers the main beliefs, teachings and includes references to texts. Most applicable to Paper 1 and part of Paper 2.
Author	Molvi Abdul Aziz
Publisher	Darussalam
ISBN	9786035000635
Published	2010

Title	Islamic Studies Grade 12
Description	The second of two books written from the perspective of an Islamic school's curriculum. Covers the main beliefs, teachings and includes references to texts. Most applicable to Paper 1 and part of Paper 2.
Author	Molvi Abdul Aziz
Publisher	Darussalam
ISBN	9786035000864
Published	2011

Title	The Qur'an: A Beginner's Guide
Description	A book that outlines the key themes of the Qu'ran, explaining the historical and cultural context. Includes the content, language and style of the Qu'ran and the variety of approaches that have been used to examine it, including fundamentalist, feminist, and modernist.
Author	Farid Esack
Publisher	Oneworld
ISBN	9781851686247
Published	2009

Title	A Textbook of Hadith Studies: Authenticity, Compilation, Classification and Criticism of Hadith
Description	A book on Hadith criticism, classification, compilation and authenticity. Provides a wide-ranging coverage of Hadith methodology and literature for intermediate and advanced levels of study.
Author	Mohammad Hashim Kamali
Publisher	The Islamic Foundation
ISBN	9780860374350
Published	2005

Paper 2

The books listed below are of particular relevance to the content and assessment of Paper 2.

Title	The Concise Presentation of The Fiqh of the Sunnah and Noble Book
Description	An introduction to fiqh, looking at the Sunnah and how it is used to derive Islamic jurisprudence and rulings about various topics.
Author	Dr Abdul Azeem Badawi
Publisher	International Islamic Publishing House
ISBN	9789960982786
Published	2007

Title	Fiqh us - Sunnah 5 Volume Set
Description	A book to research different Shariah perspectives on topics to include prayer and wudu. Most applicable for Paper 2, Section A.
Author	As-Sayyid Sabiq
Publisher	Createspace Independent Publishing Platform
ISBN	9781548026998
Published	2017

Title	Fiqh of Worship
Description	A searchable, online resource through the Amazon Kindle bookstore. A useful resource for researching different Shariah perspectives for Paper 2, Section A.
Author	Sheikh Muhammad Salih Ibn Al-Uthaymeen (Author), Abdallah Elaceri (Translator)
Publisher	Al Firdous Ltd
ISBN	Kindle Edition
Published	2015

Title	Islamic Philosophy, Theology and Mysticism: A Short Introduction
Description	A book that covers Sufism and a variety of different beliefs. Mostly relevant to Paper 2, Section B.
Author	Majid Fakhry
Publisher	Oneworld
ISBN	9781851682522
Published	2003

Paper 3

The books listed below are of particular relevance to the content and assessment of Paper 3.

Title	The Cambridge Illustrated History of the Islamic World
Description	A detailed book which may help learners extend their research further about the Umayyads and Abbasids, as well as Islamic history, science and architecture. Relevant for Paper 3.
Author	Francis Robinson (Editor)
Publisher	Cambridge University Press
ISBN	9780521669931
Published	1999

Title	Islam: Art and Architecture
Description	A detailed and illustrated volume covering all aspects of Islamic art, including the Umayyad and Abbasid period. Relevant for Paper 3.
Author	Markus Hattstein (Editor)
Publisher	H F Ullmann
ISBN	9780841603547
Published	2008

Paper 4

The books listed below are of particular relevance to the content and assessment of Paper 4.

Title	Islam and Other Faiths
Description	A collection of articles containing a detailed discussion on the theology of Muslims and other religions.
Author	Isma'il R Al Faruqi
Publisher	Islamic Foundation
ISBN	9780860372769
Published	2007

Title	A History of Islam in 21 Women
Description	A book that provides information about the lives and achievements of influential Muslim Women in the history of Islam.
Author	Hossein Kamaly
Publisher	Oneworld
ISBN	9781786076434
Published	2019

Title	The House of Islam: A Global History
Description	A book that explores the intricacies of Islam and the Muslim world.
Author	Ed Husain
Publisher	Bloomsbury Publishing
ISBN	9781408872284
Published	2019

Websites

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Title	Learn religions: Islam
Description	A website that provides an introduction to various topics on Islam, including the beliefs and teachings of Islam, Muslim prayer and the prophets of Islam.
Website	www.learnreligions.com/islam-4684871

Title	Masud
Description	A website with information on the Cambridge mosque project.
Website	http://masud.co.uk/

Title	Dar al ifta
Description	An Egyptian site that provides a collection of articles relevant to Paper 1, Paper 2, Paper 3 and Paper 4.
Website	www.dar-alifta.org/Foreign/default.aspx

Title	Islamic Studies
Description	A website that contains links to detailed resources on topics such as, Islamic teachings and fundamentals and education development. Most articles are free to download.
Website	https://islamicstudies.info/

Title	Al-Islam
Description	A website that provides historical information from a Shi'i perspective, containing articles relevant to Paper 1, Paper 2, Paper 3 and Paper 4.
Website	www.al-islam.org

Title	IslamiCity
Description	A website that provides a variety of informative articles about Islam, that are relevant to Paper 1, Paper 2, Paper 3 and Paper 4. Includes some video resources.
Website	www.islamicity.org

Title	In Our Time
Description	A BBC Radio 4 programme series, including several relevant episodes. The programmes help learners understand academic discussion and include topics such as: Prophecy, Islamic Law, Sunni and Shi'i Islam, the Abbasids, the Translation Movement, Maths in the Early Islamic World, al-Kindi, al-Ghazali, Rumi, Ibn Khaldun, Islam in Spain, the Mughal Empire.
Website	www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qykl

Title	Discovering Islam
Description	A website with a variety of articles to encourage discussion. Topics include, Prophet Mohammad and women in Islam.
Website	www.discoveringislam.org/index.htm

Paper 1

The websites listed below are of particular relevance to the syllabus content and assessment of Paper 1.

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

Title	Sayyid Abul Ala Maududi, The Meaning of the Qur'an
Description	A website with commentary on verses of the Qur'an by a well-known Islamic scholar of the 20th Century.
Website	www.englishtafsir.com/

Title	Tafsir Ibn Kathir
Description	A website providing one of the earliest and authoritative commentaries on the Qur'an available for all of the set passages.
Website	www.qtafsir.com/index.php

Title	Sunnah online
Description	A website with resources on beliefs, teachings and texts, relevant mostly to Paper 1.
Website	https://sunnahonline.com/

Title	Hadith Collection Riyad as-Salihin
Description	A website that provides a complete collection of Hadith, including all of the set passages for Paper 1. The collection can be searched for relevant Hadith when studying other topics as well.
Website	https://sunnah.com/riyadussaliheen

Title	Last Prophet
Description	A website that provides information on Hadith and life of the Prophet (pbuh).
Website	www.lastprophet.info/

Title	Messenger of God
Description	A website that provides information on the life of Muhammad (pbuh).
Website	www.messengerofgod.info/index.htm

Title	The Madinah Charter: A Model for Muslims and Hope for Humanity
Description	A website with an article about the Charter of Madina put in place by Muhammad (pbuh) and its relevance for Muslims today.
Website	www.themuslimpost.com/the-madinah-charter-a-model-for-muslims-and-a-hope-for-humanity/

Title	The Religion of Islam
Description	A website that provides videos and resources on Islam beliefs and practice. Particularly relevant for Paper 1, Questions 2 and 3.
Website	www.islamreligion.com/

Paper 2

The websites listed below are of particular relevance to the syllabus content and assessment of Paper 2.

Title	Islamic Awareness
Description	A website that explains the sources of authority for Shariah Law and Jurisprudence in Islam.
Website	www.islamic-awareness.org/

Title	Islam QA
Description	A website that provides useful information on fiqh positions across various topics.
Website	http://islamqa.org/

Title	Hanafi Legal rulings
Description	A website that allows learners to research and explore fiqh from the point of view of the Hanafi school of thought.
Website	https://hanafilegalrulings.blogspot.com/

Title	Islamic Ilm
Description	A website that compares fiqh positions on various matters.
Website	http://islamic-ilm.blogspot.com/

Title	The Thinking Muslim
Description	A website discussing various fiqh issues from a Hanbali fiqh perspective.
Website	https://thethinkingmuslim.com/

Title	Islamic Icb
Description	One of many sites discussing various everyday questions and giving interpretations of fiqh in response. Useful to stimulate discussion amongst learners.
Website	http://islamicb.blogspot.com/

Title	Reason Islam
Description	A website that provides information on fiqh issues, suitable to use in group discussions.
Website	https://reasonislam.wordpress.com/

Title	Marifa Academy
Description	A media resource with a selection of video discussions on some aspects of fiqh and finance, one of the set topics.
Website	www.youtube.com/channel/UCiaVc1nimLLoqSkGYAd2YeQ

Paper 3

The websites listed below are of particular relevance to the syllabus content and assessment of Paper 3.

Title	Abbasids versus Umayyads
Description	A website that provides a chart giving an overview and comparison of Abbasids and Umayyads. Could be used as an introduction and summary for learners. Relevant for Paper 3, Section A.
Website	https://create.piktochart.com/embed/7572201-abbasids-vs-umayyads

Title	Facts and Details
Description	A website that provides detailed information on Abbasid and Umayyad. Also relevant to other topics.
Website	http://factsanddetails.com/world/cat55/3sub2/

Title	Met Museum Art of the Umayyads; Art of the ‘Abbasids
Description	A website which explains the characteristics in art for each period and how this emerged from the development of the Caliphate and political events at the time. Relevant for both parts of Paper 3.
Website	www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/umay/hd_umay.htm www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/abba/hd_abba.htm

Title	Muslim Heritage
Description	A website that is particularly relevant to the topics of Muslim contribution to science and learning. This site contains a number of video resources.
Website	https://muslimheritage.com/

Title	Islamic Philosophy Online
Description	A website that provides a starting point to philosophy, giving the main facts and details about Muslim philosophers.
Website	http://muslimphilosophy.org/

Title	1001 Inventions
Description	A website for learners to research various contributions made by different Muslim scientists.
Website	www.1001inventions.com/

Title	History of Science and Technology in Islam
Description	A website that provides detailed articles and advanced discussions on topics such as, the transfer of technology from Arabs to the West. Some articles may be useful for discussion, such as those which question and compare the contribution of Muslims to that of the West.
Website	www.history-science-technology.com/articles/articles.html

Title	Science in a Golden Age – Al-Razi, Ibn Sina and the Canon of Medicine
Description	A video resource explaining the contribution of Muslim scientists in the field of medicine. Useful particularly when learners choose and research particular contributions in Paper 3.
Website	www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ln13_9kO0II

Title	Science in Islam, Part 4: Al-Ghazali incoherence
Description	A video that explains the decline of science in the Muslim world and refers to the influence of Al-Ghazali's writing, 'The Incoherence of the Philosophers', which is an optional text to study for Paper 3.
Website	www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8HIFFDTBWQ

Title	Hayy ibn Yaqzan and the pursuit of rational religion
Description	A video that provides an explanation of how Islamic beliefs are presented in the novel, Hayy ibn Yaqzan, which is an optional texts to study for Paper 3.
Website	https://medium.com/@falsabeh/hayy-ibn-yaqzan-and-the-pursuit-of-rational-religion-8364b4cfe62d

Title	Islamic Art
Description	A website that provides an overview of all periods and styles of Islamic art.
Website	www.visual-arts-cork.com/islamic-art.htm

Title	Arch Net
Description	A website provided by the Aga Khan foundation. The timeline section is a useful place to start to find a period of Islamic art. Pictures and tours of sites are given, which are useful for the picture sources in Paper 3 Section A. There is a choice of mosques to research for Paper 3 Section B.
Website	https://archnet.org/timelines/48/period/Umayyad/year/691

Title	Medinanet
Description	A website that provides information on various aspects of Islamic art and beliefs, including the functions of the Prophet's Mosque, minimalism and the Qur'an.
Website	https://medinanet.org/

Title	Islamic Gardens
Description	A video introducing the symbolism linked to Islamic beliefs shown in Islamic gardens. Suitable for introducing the topic of Islamic gardens.
Website	www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOIGESg00DU

Paper 4

The websites listed below are of particular relevance to the syllabus content and assessment of Paper 4.

Title	Rise of Islam
Description	A website on the development of Islam and women in Islam.
Website	https://worldhistoryriseofislam.weebly.com/

Title	Virtual mosque
Description	A website that looks at the topics of beliefs, practise and women in Islam.
Website	www.virtualmosque.com/

Title	Beyond Belief
Description	A BBC Radio 4 programme series: Beyond Belief. Episodes Include issues of the veil, Khadija and how Islam is practised in different countries today.
Website	www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006s6p6

Title	Islam's women, jewels of Islam
Description	A website that provides articles, discussion and various information about women in Islam.
Website	www.islamswomen.com/

Title	Khadija and Aisha
Description	A video about the lives of remarkable Muslim women, Khadija and Aisha.
Website	www.youtube.com/watch?v=Av5wQe7z9hE

Title	Sisters Magazine
Description	A website that provides a topical discussion about issues of family life and women in Islam.
Website	www.sisters-magazine.com/

Title	Muslim Women's League
Description	A website that provides topical issues for Muslim women.
Website	www.mwlusa.org/index.html

Title	Islamic Supreme Council
Description	A website that provides information on various topics, including Islam and other faiths.
Website	www.islamicsupremecouncil.com/

Title	Islamic Research Foundation International
Description	A website with a large collection of research articles about Islam. Relevant for Paper 4, Islam and Pluralism, as well as other topics.
Website	www.irfi.org/

Title	Islam 101
Description	A website that provides articles on Islamic beliefs, practice and other faiths. Relevant for Paper 4, Islam and pluralism.
Website	www.islam101.com/index.htm

Title	Zaytuna magazine
Description	A magazine that provides articles about theology and modern-day issues for Muslims.
Website	https://renovatio.zaytuna.edu/

Title	Thoughtco
Description	A website that provides various articles about Islam, including those relevant to the topic of the leadership of the Muslims and topical modern issues.
Website	www.thoughtco.com/search?q=islam

Title	Muslim Matters
Description	A website that provides articles that may be useful for discussing the significance of issues for the modern day.
Website	https://muslimmatters.org/

Title	Ilm Feed
Description	A website that provides articles most relevant to modern issues.
Website	https://ilmfeed.com/

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