**0 2 . 5 ‘The Friday prayer (Jummah) is more important than the daily prayers.’ Evaluate this statement. [12 marks ]**

**In your answer you should:**

**• refer to Muslim teaching**

**• give reasoned arguments to support this statement**

**• give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view • reach a justified conclusion.**

**Answer A:** *The Jummah prayer is a important prayer in Islam because it is different from a daily prayer and more important. Allah made the Jummah prayer a sacred prayer for Muslims and a prayer that is obligatory for Muslims. However, one may argue that all daily prayers as a collective (salah) are equally as important because it is a way of connecting with Allah and reaching out to him each day to become closer and more attached with Allah. Moreover, if for some reason a Muslim was finding it difficult to find tome to pray 5 times each day then it is important that they at least do the Jummah prayer each Friday. In conclusion it is important to pray 5 times each day however, if for some reason a lesser jihad occurs then it is almost vital to still do a Jummah prayer.*

**Answer A: This response includes a brief argument in support of the statement and a brief counter argument. Both sides lack detail and development, and religious arguments are general and not fully applied. Due to lack of development the best fit for this response is mid-level 2. Level 2, 5 marks**

**Answer B:** *Some Muslims may agree with this statement as they believe that the Friday prayer Jummah could be more important as it takes place in the holy place the mosque so therefore it may mean more as God’s presence will be in the mosque. Some Muslims may also say that it is not always necessary to pray daily as in the Qur’an it says “do not pray if you do not have the faith” showing that prayer on Fridays may be better than praying daily as sometimes we can lose the faith. However some Muslims may say that daily prayer is more important than the Friday prayer because daily prayer shows moral self-discipline and commitment to God. Some Muslims may also say that daily prayer help to communicate with God at all times and stay focused on God and Friday prayer is just extra prayers with a community of people. To conclude I think that Friday prayers are important as it takes place in a mosque and Muslims may feel the presence of God. However, I think daily prayers are just as important as it keeps Muslims focussed on God and allows constant communication with God.*

**Answer B: This response shows a reasoned consideration of two points of view. Although at times the expression seems a little repetitive, some valid arguments are made on both sides. For example, the idea of prayer in the mosque being a holy place in the first sentence. However, the second sentence lacks clarity. Overall, due to some lack of clarity and somewhat limited application of religious beliefs to the issue the best fit is Level 3. Level 3, 8 mark**

**Answer C:** *This is believed by Muslims because the Friday prayer is the whole community coming together. This unity is written about in the Qur’an and must be followed, so by the gathering for Jummah it is pleasing Allah; which is the aim for all Muslims. Also, this prayer of Friday Jummah, people do a ritual of washing before they pray. This is metaphorically washing away their sins to be able to speak with Allah when they pray. During Jummah, the congregation are able to give to charity which is one of the 5 Pillars of Islam. This means that is important to all Muslims. Therefore it is very important for Muslims to attend. Although it is only compulsory for men, both are encouraged to attend. On the other hand, daily prayer is important because the whole world of Muslims are awake and praying towards the holy place of Mecca, this means that all Muslims become united by this bond. Therefore, making daily prayer (salah) is more important to Muslims. Also daily prayer is one of the 5 Pillars of Islam. These must be followed by all Muslims. Therefore it is more important than Jummah. In conclusion, I believe that, as someone who is not a Muslim, that daily prayer is more important as it is done more often therefore God can see you trying to be a good Muslim more often. Therefore Allah believes you are a better Muslim.*

**Answer C: This response is about the expected length (238 words). It is generally well argued with consideration of different points of view and effective application of key beliefs such as the Five Pillars. The counter argument in the second paragraph is weaker than the argument in support, however logical reasoning is demonstrated. The conclusion makes a valid judgement, although the final sentence does not enhance the judgement. Level 4, 11 marks**

**Twelve Mark Questions Mark Scheme**

**Level 4**: A well-argued response, reasoned consideration of different points of view. Logical chains of reasoning leading to judgement(s) supported by knowledge and understanding of relevant evidence and information. References to religion applied to the issue. (**10-12 marks)**

**Level 3:** Reasoned consideration of different points of view. Logical chains of reasoning that draw on knowledge and understanding of relevant evidence and information. Clear reference to religion. **(7-9 marks)**

**Level 2:** Reasoned consideration of a point of view. A logical chain of reasoning drawing on knowledge and understanding of relevant evidence and information. OR Recognition of different points of view, each supported by relevant reasons / evidence. Maximum of Level 2 if there is no reference to religion or the argument is one-sided. **(4-6 marks)**

**Level 1:** Point of view with reason(s) stated in support. **(1-3 marks)**

**Level 0:** Nothing worthy of credit. **(0 marks)**