**0 4 Explain two ways in which the Ka’aba is important in the Muslim Hajj (pilgrimage). Refer to sacred writings or another source of Muslim belief and teaching in your answer. [5 marks]**

Answer: *On the first day of Hajj, cleansed Muslims circle it seven times whilst praying to Allah to forgive and cleanse them of their sin. Also, they thank Allah and worship him. This is important in the Hajj because it prepares them for the next few days. Also, the Ka’aba is the holiest place for all Muslims. In the Qur’an, Adam built it to worship Allah. This is a place for only Allah, which makes it of the utmost importance. Muslims visit it not once but twice during Hajj, showing how vital it is. The Qur’an says that if the circling around the Ka’aba is done with the right Niyyah, Allah will cleanse all sin.*

**5 marks awarded for two developed points plus accurate reference to scripture. This answer, although accurate, is too long. The time allocated to these questions is a maximum of five minutes. The extra development in point one ‘ Also, they thank Allah and worship him ’ is not required Furthermore, the second point includes two references to scripture as well as development. As such, the final two sentences are not required here to gain the full 5 marks.**