

## Candidate 4 evidence

**Analyse the purpose of practicing the Five Pillars.**

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One of the five pillars is the Shahadah, which is the declaration of faith **(KU)** that says: "There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is His Messenger. **(KU)**" The words of the Shahadah are repeated multiple times during the day. It is the first thing that is whispered into a newborn babies' ear **(KU)** and the last thing said to a Muslim before they die **(KU)**. Another of the five pillars is Salah which is prayer **(KU)**. This pillar involves performing the five daily prayers at prescribed times throughout the day **(KU)**.

A purpose of the Shahadah is that it emphasises the Islamic principle of Tawhid (the oneness of God) as it helps Muslims maintain a clear understanding of their faith and avoid any form of idolatry **(A)**. It also affirms the teachings of Muhammad as the final prophet, which provides a structure for living a life in accordance with Islamic values and ethics **(A)**. Daily prayer is important as it helps Muslims maintain a constant connection with Allah and serves as a regular reminder of God's presence and guidance throughout the day **(A)**.