**Give two Muslim beliefs about the imamate (2 marks)**

Ali was the first imam (Shi’a Islam)

There have been 12 imams in total (Twelver branch of Shi’a Islam)

Other possible answers:

Muhammad al-Mahdi was the last of the imams

The last imam is hidden somewhere on earth

The last imam is being kept alive by God

The last imam will return to bring justice with Isa (Jesus)

The imams can interpret the Qur’an without fault

God’s law was received by Muhammad but imams provide correct interpretation of those laws

The imamate provide divine guidance

The imamate continues the Ahl al-Bayt family line (line from Muhammad)