**Explain two beliefs about prophethood (Risalah). Refer to Scripture or sacred writings in your answer (5 marks)**

One belief about Risalah in Islam is that prophets are necessary for understanding God’s commands. Prophets offer guidance through rules and instructions revealed directly to them by Allah. The most well known example of this is Muhammad (PBUH) being revealed the words of the Qur’an via angel Jibril. The Qur’an helps Muslims understand how God wants them to live their lives, and this would not be possible without Muhammad, also known as ‘the seal of prophets.’

Another belief about Risalah is that prophets are supposed to be role models for how Muslims should live their lives. The Qur’an says that ‘God took Ibrahim as a friend,’ which shows that Allah approves of Ibrahim. This means Muslims should try to copy Ibrahim’s characteristics such as obedience and kindness so that they can please God.