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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 3  
*assessing*  
An Introduction to Themes in the Old Testament



SRE31

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**THURSDAY 17 MAY, MORNING**

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## TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.  
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

## ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

You are advised to take account of the marks for each part question in allocating the available examination time.

## Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Examine and discuss the situation Ezra and Nehemiah encountered in Jerusalem when they returned from exile, and how they responded to it. [25]
- (b) “The Bible often appears to contradict itself.”  
Assess this claim with reference to relevant biblical passages. Justify your answer. [25]
- 2 (a) Explain and discuss the importance of the role that Nathan played in the story of David. [25]
- (b) Evaluate the claim that the Davidic narratives should be read as literature and not history. Justify your answer. [25]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Examine how wise Solomon was, as presented in the narratives about his reign. [25]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate the claim that religious leaders need to have moral integrity, but political leaders do not. Justify your answer. [25]
- 4 (a) "Conflict is the keynote of the book of Amos."  
With particular reference to the confrontation between Amaziah and Amos, discuss this statement. [25]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that the true prophetic voice in any age creates opposition and helps the marginalised. Justify your answer. [25]

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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