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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 3

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An Introduction to Themes
in the Old Testament



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FRIDAY 19 MAY, AFTERNOON

TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.

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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.

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

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

1 (a) Explain how Amos uses the phrase “Day of the Lord” in his prophecy. [25]

(b) “But let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” (Amos 5:24)

In relation to this quotation, consider how far justice was the main concern of biblical prophets. Justify your answer. [25]

2 (a) With reference to the Davidic narratives, give an account of the debate between maximalists and minimalists. [25]

(b) With reference to relevant biblical passages, assess the claim that the Bible is a complex collection of documents, which is difficult to interpret. Justify your answer. [25]



Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

3 (a) For what reasons did confrontation and conflict arise between Elijah and King Ahab? [25]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that, in a relativistic age, religious believers have to stand up for their ethical values. Justify your answer. [25]

4 (a) "Separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign wives." (Ezra 10:11)

With reference to this quotation, discuss how Ezra and Nehemiah's treatment of foreigners was different to Isaiah's. [25]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, to what extent do you agree that wealth is often in conflict with social justice? Justify your answer. [25]





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