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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 3

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Themes in the Old Testament



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2 hours.

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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Complete in black ink only. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

Answer **two** questions from Section A and the compulsory question in Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.

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

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 **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) Explain the significance of the struggle within the heart of God (Hosea 11:1–11). [20]
- (b) “It has been argued that the portrayal of God’s violence in the Old Testament makes sense and can be explained.”
- Critically assess this statement, with reference to the texts studied. [30]
- 2 (a) With reference to **one** textual example, clarify Jeremiah’s understanding of the sheer stubbornness and intractability of human nature. [20]
- (b) “The Book of Jeremiah is important because it addresses problems that are still relevant in the modern world.”
- How far do you agree with this view? [30]
- 3 (a) Discuss the meaning of **one** of Ezekiel’s visions of future hope. [20]
- (b) “Ezekiel has a serious religious message for every age, but his unusual behaviour undermines it.”
- Critically evaluate this view. [30]



Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Leadership, Text and Alienation

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) "Religious texts give people a purpose in life."

With reference to **one** example, present a case for this statement.

You must support your answer with reference to at least **one** other unit of study.

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- (b) Consider critically the relevance of religious leaders in an increasingly secular and atheistic age.

You must refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer.

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