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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 3

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Themes in the Old Testament



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FRIDAY 30 MAY, MORNING

TIME

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.

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 **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) With reference to **one** example from the texts studied, examine the concept of *herem*. [20]
- (b) “God’s permission for ancient Israel to use excessive violence has been followed more in every age than God’s command to show compassion.”
- Critically assess this claim. [30]
- 2 (a) Present a case for how **one** of Jeremiah’s private poems is a personal lament. [20]
- (b) “The Book of Jeremiah achieves a perfect balance between judgement and hope.”
- With reference to the texts studied, consider critically this view. [30]
- 3 (a) Outline the importance of what is said in the passage about the Shepherds of Israel (Ezekiel 34:1–31). [20]
- (b) “The Book of Ezekiel offers a positive message to every age, especially through the theme of renewal.”
- With reference to the texts studied, how far do you agree with this claim? [30]



Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Leadership, Text and Alienation

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) Clarify **one** way in which sin can affect relationships.

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

[20]

- (b) "Without careful interpretation, religious texts hinder ethical decision making."

To what extent do you agree with this view?

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

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