



# Cambridge O Level

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## BIBLICAL STUDIES

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Paper 1 The Portrayal of God in the Bible

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total:
  - Section A: answer **one** question.
  - Section B: answer **two** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

### INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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## Section A

Answer **one** question. Answer all parts of the chosen question.

## EITHER

- 1 (a) Read the following passage and then answer the questions:

**Genesis 1:27, NRSVA**

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

- (i) State the day of creation on which God created humanity. [1]
  - (ii) Describe what God said to humanity when he first blessed them. [3]
  - (iii) State what God then gave humanity for food. [2]
- (b) Contrast the creation of humanity in the two creation narratives. [6]
- (c) Assess the view that the creation narratives show that humanity must care for the environment. [8]

[Total: 20]

## OR

- 2 (a) Read the following passage and then answer the questions:

**Isaiah 9:2, NRSVA**

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness-  
on them light has shined.

- (i) State **three** names given to the child that Isaiah describes. [3]
  - (ii) Describe what Isaiah says will happen after the birth of the child. [3]
- (b) Explain what this passage might teach about the Messiah. [6]
- (c) Assess the view that Christians can fully understand that Jesus is the Messiah from this passage. [8]

[Total: 20]

**Section B**

Answer **two** questions. Answer all parts of the chosen two questions.

- 3** (a) Describe what happened after the test of Abraham, from when the angel first spoke. [6]
- (b) Explain the importance of the angel's words for Christians today. [6]
- (c) To what extent does God test Christians today? [8]

[Total: 20]

- 4** (a) Give an account of Peter's speech after he and John had been arrested. [6]
- (b) Explain why this speech was relevant to Peter's audience. [6]
- (c) 'Peter could only have made this speech with the help of the Holy Spirit.' Discuss. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 5** (a) Outline Philip's encounter with the Ethiopian eunuch. [6]
- (b) Explain what this passage might teach about Christian life. [6]
- (c) To what extent is this passage a model for modern-day Christian evangelism? [8]

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