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Religious Studies
Assessment Unit A2 3

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The Covenant Community:
Prophecy and Renewal

[AR231]

WEDNESDAY 16 MAY, MORNING



TIME

2 hours.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **two** questions from Section A and answer the compulsory question in Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.
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 question or part question in allocating the available examination time.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) With special reference to the religious and social issues involved, analyse the role of Nehemiah in the reconstruction of Jerusalem after the exile. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that the reforms introduced after the exile were too harsh. [20]
- 2 (a) Identify and consider the message of hope brought to the exiles by Deutero-Isaiah. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that this message is no longer relevant. [20]
- 3 (a) Outline and explain Ezekiel's vision of a new Temple and a new Israel. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that Ezekiel's teaching after the fall of Jerusalem challenged the people in exile. [20]
- 4 (a) Analyse and discuss the teaching of the prophet Jeremiah concerning the need for repentance. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that the "confessions" of Jeremiah offer no comfort to the modern reader. [20]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Moral Living

You **must** answer this question

- 5 (a) With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, outline and examine some ideas on the theme of moral living. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that religious belief provides the only solid foundation for moral living. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

