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Religious Studies
Assessment Unit AS 3

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An Introduction to Old Testament
Covenant and Prophecy

[AR131]

THURSDAY 31 MAY, MORNING



TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
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.
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.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A.

- 1 (a) Give an account and explain the importance of the events which led to the confrontation between the prophet Nathan and King David. [35]
- (b) Explore the claim that David and Bathsheba were equally responsible for their disobedience to the Covenant. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) With reference to the prophecy of Amos, describe how the people of Israel failed to live as God's chosen people. [35]
- (b) Comment on the view that the prophet Amos only brought a message of despair. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B.

- 3 (a) Explain the central themes of the teaching of the prophet Micah. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that structural sin is a greater evil than personal sin. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Describe and explain the significance of the Mosaic Covenant for the people of Israel. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that the moral demands of the Decalogue are irrelevant even for the religious believer. Justify your answer. [15]

