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Religious Studies
Assessment Unit A2 3

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The Covenant Community:
Prophecy and Renewal

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MONDAY 13 MAY, MORNING



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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 reference to relevant passages, outline and explain the teaching of Jeremiah concerning his call for personal responsibility in religion. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that the prophets were more concerned with religious ritual than social justice. [20]
- 2 (a) Analyse the contribution of Ezra to the restoration and renewal of the Jewish religion after the Exile. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that society has much to learn from the religious achievements of Ezra. [20]
- 3 (a) Explain the main differences between true and false prophecy with particular reference to the confrontation between Amos and Amaziah. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that personal suffering was central to the life and ministry of a true prophet. [20]
- 4 “Cyrus was chosen by Yahweh to liberate the exiles”.
- (a) With reference to this statement, analyse the message of hope given to the exiles by Second Isaiah. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that Second Isaiah’s message of hope has no relevance for 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 the contribution of some key people to the theme of moral living. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that moral principles are essential in any society. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

