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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 3

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The Covenant Community:
Prophecy and Renewal



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THURSDAY 14 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) “Jeremiah developed new and distinctive insights into the nature of God and man.”
With reference to this statement, outline and examine the main characteristics of Jeremiah’s teaching. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that Jeremiah’s teaching on personal responsibility and personal relationship to God is as relevant as ever. [20]
- 2 (a) With particular reference to Ezekiel’s “oracle to the mountains of Israel”, identify and consider the nature and importance of his prophetic role during the Exile. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that Ezekiel’s prophecies were essentially apocalyptic. [20]
- 3 (a) Outline and examine the distinctive features of Deutero-Isaiah’s teaching on the nature of God. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that the Exile had little impact on the Jewish people. [20]
- 4 (a) With reference to the incident involving Ahab and Micaiah, identify and consider the features that distinguish true from false prophecy. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that even today, prophets always come into conflict with authority. [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 major issues on the theme of moral living. [30]
- (b)** Critically evaluate the view that religious belief provides both a true and sound basis for moral living. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

