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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 19 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 reference to the relevant passages, explain how Jeremiah's message is one of warning and doom as well as the hope of a new covenant. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that Jeremiah's message is still relevant for the modern reader. [20]
- 2 (a) "But you will not leave in haste or go in flight; for the Lord will go before you, the God of Israel will be your rear guard." (Isaiah 52:12)
- With reference to this text, examine the theme of the New Exodus in the teaching of Deutero-Isaiah. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that this author may be considered the greatest of the prophets. [20]
- 3 (a) Outline and examine the significance of the Temple for the returning exiles in the work of Ezra and Nehemiah. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that Ezekiel's vision of the New Temple had little relevance for the Jewish people. [20]
- 4 (a) With reference to relevant passages, analyse Josiah's response to the rediscovery of the Torah. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that prophetic teaching on the duties of government is still relevant. [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 how some key people understand the theme of moral living. [30]
- (b)** Critically assess the claim that morality does not necessarily require a religious foundation. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

