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2017

Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 3

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An Introduction to Old Testament
Covenant and Prophecy



AR131

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THURSDAY 18 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) Explain the significance of the Golden Calf incident and the consequences of the event for the people of Israel. [35]
- (b) Comment on the view that the Mosaic laws were more concerned with religious worship and ritual than moral and social conduct. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) With reference to the call of Isaiah of Jerusalem, explain the role of God's prophets. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that Isaiah of Jerusalem was first and foremost a prophet of judgement. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) "The religious and ethical teaching of Amos and Hosea have remarkable similarities."
With reference to this statement, give an account of the religious and ethical teaching of Amos and Hosea. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that all religious believers must be willing to forgive. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Explain the nature of social injustice as described by the prophet Micah. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that the central concern for religious believers is tackling the problem of poverty. Justify your answer. [15]

