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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 19 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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 evidence from the text, examine Jeremiah's message of the New Covenant and Consolation. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that Jeremiah failed in his mission as a prophet. [20]
- 2 (a) With reference to selected passages, explain some of the central themes in the oracles and visions of Ezekiel. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that Ezekiel's message of hope is still relevant. [20]
- 3 (a) Explain the nature and importance of the Servant Songs to the people of Israel. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that it is impossible to identify the figure of the Suffering Servant. [20]
- 4 (a) "They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded for Israel." (Neh. 8:1) © GNB, Neh 8:1
- With reference to the renewal of the covenant by the people, identify and consider how Ezra and Nehemiah applied the Law. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that the laws identified by Ezra and Nehemiah are no longer 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 some main ideas on the theme of moral living. [30]

(b) “Faith if not accompanied by moral living is worthless.”

Critically assess this claim. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

