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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 3

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The Covenant Community:  
Prophecy and Renewal



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**[AR231]**

**TUESDAY 5 JUNE, 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) Outline and explain how “enacted prophecy” in the work of Jeremiah caused offence to and hostility from the people. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that the prophets were always outspoken in their criticism of worship. [20]
- 2 (a) “Deutero-Isaiah offered an explanation for the suffering of the exiles.”  
With particular reference to this quotation, explain the teaching of Deutero-Isaiah in the Suffering Servant Songs. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that Second Isaiah’s description of Cyrus as God’s “shepherd” led to questions on the nature of God’s sovereignty. [20]
- 3 (a) Examine the purpose and nature of the reforms put in place by Nehemiah. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that the actions of Nehemiah have little relevance for contemporary society. [20]
- 4 (a) Identify and consider the criticisms of the “Shepherds of Israel” by the prophet Ezekiel. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that Ezekiel’s message has valuable lessons for leaders today. [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 explain the contribution of some key people to the theme of moral living. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that moral living is entirely an individual matter. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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