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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 3  
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An Introduction to Themes in the Old Testament



SRE31

**[SRE31]**  
**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 part question in allocating the available examination time.

## Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A.

1 (a) Examine the significance of Isaiah's call and his criticisms of Judah. [25]

(b) To what extent were the Covenants exclusive? Justify your answer. [25]

2 (a) "David lived in a time of great change in Israel."

With reference to this quotation, discuss the reasons for the rise of kingship in Israel. [25]

(b) In relation to the relevant texts, assess the view that David could do no wrong. Justify your answer. [25]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B.

3 (a) For what reasons and in what ways did Elijah confront royal power? [25]

(b) "Politics and religion have always been a dangerous mix."

With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate this claim. Justify your answer. [25]

4 (a) Explain and discuss the reasons for the view that Amos was a prophet of doom. [25]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that true religion will always involve social justice. Justify your answer. [25]

