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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 3

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An Introduction to Themes in the Old Testament



SRE31

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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 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]

