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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 3  
*assessing*  
Themes in the Old Testament



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**[ARE31]**  
**TUESDAY 5 JUNE, MORNING**

**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 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 the 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 **two** questions from this section

**1 (a)** “The God of the Old Testament is a God of compassion.”

Present a case for this statement.

[20]

**(b)** “There were good reasons to explain a violent God in ancient Israel, but in the modern world such a view of God is no longer acceptable.”

Critically assess this view.

[30]

**2 (a)** Examine the importance of the call of Jeremiah as a prophet to Judah.

[20]

**(b)** Consider critically the relevance of Jeremiah’s message both in his own time and today.

[30]

**3 (a)** Identify and consider how Ezekiel acted out his prophecy.

[20]

**(b)** Critically assess the claim that the message of Ezekiel is primarily a message of judgement.

[30]

## Section B

### Synoptic Assessment

#### Theme: Leadership, Text and Alienation

You **must** answer this question

4 (a) "Sin will always involve alienation from God and others."

Present a case for this statement. You must support your answer with reference to at least one other unit of study. [20]

(b) "In a world that has outgrown religion, the concept of sin is irrelevant."

Critically evaluate this view. You must refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [30]

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

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