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Religious Studies

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



SRE31

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THURSDAY 17 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 and discuss the situation Ezra and Nehemiah encountered in Jerusalem when they returned from exile, and how they responded to it. [25]
- (b) “The Bible often appears to contradict itself.”
- Assess this claim with reference to relevant biblical passages. Justify your answer. [25]
- 2 (a) Explain and discuss the importance of the role that Nathan played in the story of David. [25]
- (b) Evaluate the claim that the Davidic narratives should be read as literature and not history. Justify your answer. [25]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Examine how wise Solomon was, as presented in the narratives about his reign. [25]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate the claim that religious leaders need to have moral integrity, but political leaders do not. Justify your answer. [25]
- 4 (a) "Conflict is the keynote of the book of Amos."
- With particular reference to the confrontation between Amaziah and Amos, discuss this statement. [25]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that the true prophetic voice in any age creates opposition and helps the marginalised. Justify your answer. [25]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
