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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 16 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) With reference to the text, discuss the importance of “justice and righteousness” in the Book of Amos. [25]

(b) “Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria my handiwork, and Israel my inheritance.” (Isaiah 19:25)

With reference to this quotation, evaluate the view that God was not just concerned about Israel, but other nations as well. Justify your answer. [25]

2 (a) How did Samuel’s warning about kingship contrast with the qualities that Israel demanded of an ideal king? [25]

(b) Assess the claim that the promises made by God in the Davidic Covenant only became a problem when Jerusalem fell in 587 BCE. Justify your answer. [25]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

3 (a) "Elisha brought signs of hope and life in a harsh world."

With reference to this quotation, explain the purpose of the Elisha narratives. [25]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that from a religious point of view monarchy is the best form of government. Justify your answer.

[25]

4 (a) Examine the importance of the Mosaic Covenant in the life of ancient Israel. [25]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, assess the view that all religions lead to the same God. Justify your answer. [25]

