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# Religious Studies

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



SRE31

**[SRE31]**  
**THURSDAY 16 MAY, MORNING**

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## 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]

