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# Religious Studies

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



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**[ARE31]**  
**TUESDAY 4 JUNE, MORNING**

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## 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) Clarify Hosea's understanding of the "struggle within the heart of God". [20]
- (b) "The God of the Old Testament is often violent but He also shows considerable concern for the widow, orphan and foreigner."  
Critically evaluate this statement. [30]
- 2 (a) Discuss Jeremiah's "struggles with God" in his private poems. [20]
- (b) "The reasons for Jeremiah's attack on the leadership of his time are still relevant today."  
Critically assess this claim. [30]
- 3 (a) "A new heart I will give you and a new spirit I will put within you." (Ezekiel 36:26)  
With reference to **one** example, examine the theme of "newness" in the teaching of Ezekiel. [20]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that the fall of Jerusalem was the most important event in the prophetic life of Ezekiel. [30]

**Section B**

**Synoptic Assessment**

**Theme: Leadership, Text and Alienation**

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a)** “Religious texts play a key role in religion and society.”

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

- (b)** Critically assess the view that in the modern world religious leaders continue to be an important source of moral authority. You must refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [30]

