

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RS02

Unit 2 An introduction to the Old Testament

Tuesday 3 June 2008 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an 8-page answer book.

You are permitted the use of a Bible, which may include the Apocrypha.

Time allowed: 1 hour

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is RS02.
- Answer **two** questions.
Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

1 Read this passage and answer parts (a) and (b) which follow.

‘There were many types of prophets in the Old Testament, and these have been classified in many different ways. The early prophets included the ‘seer’ and the ‘ecstatic’ prophets. Later, Amos also is described as a prophet. As time went on, the ways in which prophets acted changed and developed.’

(a) Outline briefly the characteristics of **both** the ‘seer’ and the ‘ecstatic’ prophets. *(10 marks)*

(b) Outline the characteristics of the other types of prophets who lived between the 10th and 8th centuries BCE. *(10 marks)*

2 (a) Examine the ideas on the nature of God which are presented in the stories about Elijah that you have studied. *(15 marks)*

(b) (i) Outline the ideas on the nature of God which are found in the material you have studied in the book of Amos.

(ii) ‘Neither the ideas about God found in the stories about Elijah nor those found in the book of Amos have any meaning for the 21st century reader.’

Assess this claim. *(25 marks)*

3 (a) Examine the concept of covenant with reference to the material that you have studied about Abraham and Moses. *(15 marks)*

(b) (i) Outline Jeremiah’s teaching on the concept of covenant and explain the reasons for this teaching.

(ii) ‘The most important concept of covenant in the Old Testament is the one in Jeremiah.’

Assess this claim. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS