



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
January 2009

## Religious Studies

## RSS06

Unit F Old Testament

Thursday 15 January 2009 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- an 8-page answer book.
- You may use a Bible that includes the Apocrypha.

**Time allowed**

- 1 hour 15 minutes

**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 RSS06.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

**Information**

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- In each question, part (a) tests your knowledge and understanding, while part (b) tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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Answer **two** questions.

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- 1 (a) Explain how **and** why Saul came to be the first king of Israel. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘To be a nation, Israel had to have a king.’
- Assess this view. *(15 marks)*
- 2 (a) Examine the similarities and differences between the covenants with Abraham and Moses. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘The ideas about God contained in the traditions about Abraham have little meaning for people in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.’
- Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*
- 3 (a) Examine the characteristics of prophecy with reference to Elijah. *(30 marks)*
- (b) Assess the view that conflict between prophets and the authorities of their day is inevitable. *(15 marks)*
- 4 (a) Examine criticisms made by Amos of the social and political life of the people. *(30 marks)*
- (b) Evaluate the claim that Amos attached no importance to religious practice. *(15 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**