



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2012

Religious Studies

RST3D

Unit 3D Old Testament

Thursday 31 May 2012 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.
- You may use a Bible that includes the Apocrypha.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 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 RST3D.
- 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 100.
- In each question, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part 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.

Answer **two** questions.

Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1 Ways of reading the Old Testament

0 1 Examine different ways in which the Old Testament accounts of the burning bush and the crossing of the sea may be understood. *(30 marks)*

and

0 2 'The importance of these accounts lies entirely in the theological points they make.'
Assess this claim. *(20 marks)*

Question 2 God and humanity

0 3 Examine the views on the human condition found in the passages you have studied from Genesis. *(30 marks)*

and

0 4 'Old Testament views on the human condition contain important insights for today.'
How far do you agree? *(20 marks)*

Question 3 The ways in which people believed they should live their lives

0 5 Examine views found in the Wisdom literature about how people should live their lives. *(30 marks)*

and

0 6 'Views on right living found in the Wisdom literature are too narrow.'
How far do you agree? *(20 marks)*

Question 4 How the people coped in times of crisis – suffering and hope

0 7 Examine the development of prophecy during the Exilic period. *(30 marks)*

and

0 8 'Exilic prophecy gave great hope to the people.'
Assess this claim. *(20 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS