



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Level Examination  
June 2014

## Religious Studies

## RST3D

### Unit 3D Old Testament

Wednesday 11 June 2014 1.30pm to 3.00pm

**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

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**Instructions**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is RST3D.
- Answer **two** questions.  
Each question has **two** parts.
- 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.

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

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**Question 1 Ways of reading the Old Testament**

**0 1** Examine ways in which people understand the Old Testament and its authority. **[30 marks]**

**and**

**0 2** 'The differences between the approaches of Jews and Christians to the Old Testament are not important.'

Assess this view.

**[20 marks]**

**Question 2 God and humanity**

**0 3** Examine views found in the narrative of the burning bush **and** in the psalms you have studied about:

- the nature of God
- God's relationship to the world.

**[30 marks]**

**and**

**0 4** To what extent might these views on God's relationship with the world have relevance in the 21st century?

**[20 marks]**

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

**0 5** Examine the guidance on right living given in the Law. **[30 marks]**

**and**

**0 6** 'The Law was a good basis for Israelite society.'

Evaluate this claim.

**[20 marks]**

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

**0 7** Examine ways in which exilic prophecy tried to help those who were experiencing the Exile.  
**[30 marks]**

and

**0 8** 'Exilic prophecy was too optimistic.'

Assess this view.

**[20 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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