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**An Introduction to Old Testament
Covenant and Prophecy**

[AR131]



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FRIDAY 17 JANUARY, MORNING

TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of 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 question or part question in allocating the available examination time.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) With reference to relevant passages, explain the nature of the relationship between David and Saul and consider the reasons for its breakdown. [35]
- (b) Comment on the view that David was far from an ideal king. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain how the religious and ethical teachings of Amos reflect his role as a prophet. [35]
- (b) “Hear this word, you cows of Bashan who oppress the poor, who crush the needy” (Amos 4:1).
- With reference to this quotation, comment on Amos’s judgement on the people of Israel. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain the nature and importance of ethical monotheism as found in the Book of Exodus. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that the Decalogue can be considered timeless and universal. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Explain the significance of the “Song of the Vineyard” in the teaching of Isaiah of Jerusalem. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that it is always the duty of religious believers to challenge moral complacency. Justify your answer. [15]

