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Religious Studies
Assessment Unit A2 3

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The Covenant Community:
Prophecy and Renewal

[AR231]

TUESDAY 13 MAY, MORNING



TIME

2 hours.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **two** questions from Section A and answer the compulsory question in Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.
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.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from Section A

- 1 (a)** “The story of Jeremiah contains the two contradictory themes of doom and hope.”
With reference to the relevant passages, analyse this statement. [30]
- (b)** Critically assess the view that the Confessions of Jeremiah continue to be relevant. [20]
- 2 (a)** With reference to the imagery of the Shepherds of Israel and the Valley of Dry Bones, explain Ezekiel’s teaching on judgement and restoration. [30]
- (b)** Critically assess the view that Ezekiel’s message offered little hope to the people of Israel. [20]
- 3 (a)** With reference to relevant passages, examine the conduct of Nehemiah and the role played by Ezra in relation to the opposition they faced. [30]
- (b)** Critically examine the view that Nehemiah and Ezra could not be considered as models of religious and social tolerance. [20]
- 4 (a)** Analyse the significance of the rediscovery of the Torah and Josiah’s reform programme. [30]
- (b)** Critically evaluate the view that religious reforms are always necessary. [20]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Moral Living

You **must** answer this question

- 5 (a) With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, outline and examine some key teachings on the theme of moral living. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that religious belief does not always lead to moral living. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

