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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 3

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The Covenant Community:  
Prophecy and Renewal



AR231

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**THURSDAY 14 MAY, MORNING**

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## 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 this section

- 1 (a) “Jeremiah developed new and distinctive insights into the nature of God and man.”  
With reference to this statement, outline and examine the main characteristics of Jeremiah’s teaching. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that Jeremiah’s teaching on personal responsibility and personal relationship to God is as relevant as ever. [20]
- 2 (a) With particular reference to Ezekiel’s “oracle to the mountains of Israel”, identify and consider the nature and importance of his prophetic role during the Exile. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that Ezekiel’s prophecies were essentially apocalyptic. [20]
- 3 (a) Outline and examine the distinctive features of Deutero-Isaiah’s teaching on the nature of God. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that the Exile had little impact on the Jewish people. [20]
- 4 (a) With reference to the incident involving Ahab and Micaiah, identify and consider the features that distinguish true from false prophecy. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that even today, prophets always come into conflict with authority. [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 major issues on the theme of moral living. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that religious belief provides both a true and sound basis for moral living. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

