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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 3

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An Introduction to Old Testament
Covenant and Prophecy



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WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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) Give an account of the different reasons for David's rise to power and his success as King of Israel. [35]
- (b) Comment on the view that David's failures were personal rather than religious or political. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) "The role of the prophet was to afflict the comfortable rather than to comfort the afflicted."
With reference to this quotation and specific examples, explain the nature and importance of prophecy in the Old Testament. [35]
- (b) Comment on the view that it was the actions of the prophets rather than their words which reveal them as messengers of God. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain how Hosea was a messenger of redemptive judgement. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that true religious believers can always be identified by their actions. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) With particular reference to examples in the text of Isaiah, explain how the prophet dealt with opposition to his message. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that decline in religious belief has led to moral complacency. Justify your answer. [15]

