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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 3

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The Covenant Community:  
Prophecy and Renewal



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**THURSDAY 19 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) With reference to the relevant passages, explain how Jeremiah's message is one of warning and doom as well as the hope of a new covenant. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that Jeremiah's message is still relevant for the modern reader. [20]
- 2 (a) "But you will not leave in haste or go in flight; for the Lord will go before you, the God of Israel will be your rear guard." (Isaiah 52:12)
- With reference to this text, examine the theme of the New Exodus in the teaching of Deutero-Isaiah. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that this author may be considered the greatest of the prophets. [20]
- 3 (a) Outline and examine the significance of the Temple for the returning exiles in the work of Ezra and Nehemiah. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that Ezekiel's vision of the New Temple had little relevance for the Jewish people. [20]
- 4 (a) With reference to relevant passages, analyse Josiah's response to the rediscovery of the Torah. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that prophetic teaching on the duties of government is still relevant. [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 how some key people understand the theme of moral living. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that morality does not necessarily require a religious foundation. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

