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RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 7b

Studies in the Old Testament

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 21 June 2006

(1 hour 30 minutes)

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book. You are permitted to use a Bible, which may include the Apocrypha.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions carry 25 marks. The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all questions.

Answer two questions

1. (a) Explain and illustrate any **two** critical methods used by scholars in studying the Pentateuch. [15]
(b) Evaluate the extent to which modern textual criticism undermines the concept of the divine inspiration of the Old Testament. [10]

2. (a) Examine any **three** ideas about the nature of God and illustrate **each one** from **at least two** different Old Testament texts. [15]
(b) 'Each Old Testament writer has his own uniquely different concept of God.'
Evaluate this assertion. [10]

3. (a) Describe the distinctive characteristics of **two** different types of prophet mentioned in the Old Testament. [15]
(b) 'Hebrew prophets did not predict the future but commented on the present.'
Assess the accuracy of this statement regarding the prophets you have studied. [10]