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RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 7b

Studies in the Old Testament

A.M. THURSDAY, 21 June 2007

(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 problems in accepting that one person wrote the Pentateuch. [15]
- (b) 'The four source theory resolves satisfactorily the issue of Pentateuchal authorship.'
Evaluate the validity of this view. [10]
2. (a) Examine the character of God portrayed in **either** Isaiah 1-39 **or** Isaiah 40-55. [15]
- (b) 'A prophet's concept of God affected his attitude to Israelite society more than to international events.'
Evaluate this contention in the light of your study of **either** Isaiah 1-39 **or** Isaiah 40-55. [10]
3. (a) Explain prominent features of the society in which **either** Amos **or** Hosea prophesied. [15]
- (b) Consider to what extent
either Amos' message was one of gloom and doom
or Hosea's message was the result of his personal experiences. [10]