



GCE A level

557/02

RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 7b
Studies in the Old Testament

A.M. MONDAY, 16 June 2008

1½ hours

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 how biblical criticism has challenged the view that the Pentateuch is a book of history written by Moses. [15]
(b) 'Biblical criticism has increased, rather than lessened, the value of the Old Testament.' Evaluate this contention. [10]

2. (a) Examine ideas of God portrayed in the first four chapters of Genesis. [15]
(b) Consider how far the God depicted in Genesis chapters 1-4 is consistent with the God portrayed in **either** Isaiah chapters 1-39 **or** Isaiah chapters 40-55. [10]

3. (a) Outline different methods used by Jeremiah to convey his teaching **and** explain why that teaching made people angry. [15]
(b) 'Old Testament prophets tried to change human behaviour, not foretell future events.' Evaluate the accuracy of this statement with reference to Jeremiah **and at least one other** Old Testament prophet. [10]