



**GCE AS/A level**

1344/01

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**RS1/2 BS - Introduction to Biblical Studies**

A.M. THURSDAY, 26 May 2011

1¼ hours

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 page answer book.

**The use of a Bible is NOT permitted.**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or ball-point pen.

Answer questions from one section only, **either** Section A **or** Section B.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer book.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

Each question carries 45 marks.

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

Part (*a*) of each question tests your knowledge and understanding.

Part (*b*) of each question tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.

You are reminded of the need for good English and orderly, clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Assessment will take into account the quality of written communication in all your answers.

*Answer questions from one section only, either Section A or Section B.*

**Section A: Introduction to the Old Testament (AS)**

*Answer two questions*

1. (a) Outline the main features of the various types of Old Testament literature that you have studied. [30]  
(b) 'It is pointless to distinguish between various types of Old Testament literature.' Assess this view. [15]
  
2. (a) Describe the events of the Exodus. [30]  
(b) 'The biblical account of the events of the Exodus is not true.' Assess this statement. [15]
  
3. (a) Examine the covenant with Moses. [30]  
(b) 'The covenant with Moses is based on Hittite suzerainty treaties.' Assess this statement. [15]
  
4. (a) Describe the reign of David. [30]  
(b) 'David was a military leader, not a religious leader.' Assess this view. [15]

**Section B: Introduction to the New Testament (AS)**

*Answer two questions*

1. (a) Examine the key features of Luke's Birth Narrative. [30]  
(b) 'Luke's account of Jesus' birth was written only for the Gentiles.'  
Assess this view. [15]
  
2. (a) Explain the Parable of the Prodigal Son. [30]  
(b) 'The parables are simply ethical teaching.'  
Assess this statement. [15]
  
3. (a) Examine the miracle of resuscitating the Widow's Son at Nain. [30]  
(b) 'There is a natural explanation for all resuscitation miracles.'  
Assess this statement. [15]
  
4. (a) Explain the key features in John's account of Jesus' appearances after his resurrection. [30]  
(b) 'The New Testament accounts of Jesus' resurrection are untrue.'  
Assess this view. [15]