



GCE AS/A level

1344/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS1/2 BS
Introduction to Biblical Studies

A.M. TUESDAY, 15 January 2013

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 black 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

All questions carry 45 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each 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

Answer two questions.

1. (a) Examine the themes of the passages of Old Testament prophecy that you have studied. [30]
(b) ‘The prophets of Israel were concerned only with future events.’
Assess this view. [15]

2. (a) Examine the effects of the Exodus on Hebrew religion. [30]
(b) ‘The Exodus was not as significant an event as the Bible claims.’
Assess this statement. [15]

3. (a) Describe the main features of the covenant with David. [30]
(b) ‘The covenant model is a convincing model for Israel’s relationship with God.’
Assess this statement. [15]

4. (a) Describe the reign of Solomon. [30]
(b) ‘Solomon was not a wise king.’
Assess this view. [15]

Section B: Introduction to the New Testament

Answer two questions.

1. (a) Examine the differences between Matthew's account and Luke's account of Jesus' birth. [30]
(b) 'Both accounts of Jesus' birth are unbelievable.'
Assess this view. [15]

2. (a) Describe the characteristics of Jesus' parables. [30]
(b) 'The parables reflect who Jesus was.'
Assess this statement. [15]

3. (a) Examine the miracle of the healing of the Gadarene Demoniacs in Matthew **and** the Gerasene Demoniac in Mark. [30]
(b) 'Exorcism miracles are not historically authentic.'
Assess this statement. [15]

4. (a) Explain the theological importance of the Resurrection of Jesus. [30]
(b) 'The New Testament teaches that everyone will be resurrected.'
Assess this view. [15]