



**GCE A level**

1348/04

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS3 BS**  
**Studies in Biblical Studies**

P.M. WEDNESDAY, 11 June 2014

1 hour 45 minutes

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

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

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** 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 50 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: Studies in the Old Testament

Answer **two** questions.

1. (a) Explain why scholars have felt it necessary to reconstruct the text of the Old Testament. [30]  
(b) 'Textual reconstruction of the Old Testament is of little value.'  
Evaluate this view. [20]
2. (a) Examine the Old Testament concepts of God as Holy One **and** Judge. [30]  
(b) 'Different Old Testament traditions have different concepts of God.'  
Evaluate this statement. [20]
3. (a) Explain how his historical background influenced the prophecy of **either** Amos **or** Hosea. [30]  
(b) 'The prophets of Israel did not foretell the future.'  
Assess this view with regard to **either** Amos **or** Hosea. [20]
4. (a) Examine the personal experiences of **either** Jeremiah **or** Ezekiel. [30]  
(b) 'The prophet's teaching arose from his personal experiences.'  
Assess this view with regard to **either** Jeremiah **or** Ezekiel. [20]

**Section B: Studies in the New Testament**

*Answer two questions.*

1. (a) Explain how discipline was exercised in the Jerusalem church. [30]
- (b) 'The Jerusalem church was autocratic.'  
Assess this view. [20]
2. (a) Explain the significance of the following Christological titles:  
(i) Son of David;  
(ii) Son of Man;  
(iii) Son of God. [30]
- (b) 'Jesus himself made no claim to be the Son of God.'  
Assess this view. [20]
3. (a) Describe the early Christian mission to the Gentiles. [30]
- (b) 'Most of the early Christian leaders did not want Gentiles in the church.'  
Evaluate this statement. [20]
4. (a) Examine Paul's teaching on marriage and divorce. [30]
- (b) 'Paul's teaching on marriage and divorce is incompatible with that of Jesus.'  
Assess this view. [20]

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