



GCE AS/A level

1344/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS1/2 BS
Introduction to Biblical Studies

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1 hour 15 minutes

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

Each question carries 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) Describe the main features of any **one** type of Old Testament literature that you have studied. [30]
(b) 'It is pointless to divide Old Testament literature into types.'
Assess this view. [15]

2. (a) Outline the main events of the Exodus and the Exile. [30]
(b) 'The Exile was the greatest blessing for Israel.'
Assess this statement. [15]

3. (a) Examine similarities between ancient Near Eastern treaties and God's covenant with Moses. [30]
(b) 'The Mosaic Covenant is very different from other Old Testament covenants.'
Assess this statement. [15]

4. (a) Explain how Saul became king and how his reign ended. [30]
(b) 'Saul was a hopeless king.'
Assess this statement. [15]

Section B: Introduction to the New Testament

Answer two questions.

1. (a) Explain what is meant by 'the Incarnation'. [30]
- (b) 'John presents Jesus as more God than man.'
Assess this view. [15]
2. (a) Explain why the gospel writers included many parables of Jesus in their accounts of his teaching. [30]
- (b) 'The parables were designed to hide the truth, not reveal it.'
Assess this statement. [15]
3. (a) Examine the various types of miracles performed by Jesus. [30]
- (b) 'The accounts of Jesus' miracles are trustworthy eyewitness accounts.'
Assess this statement. [15]
4. (a) Examine Paul's teaching on the resurrection in 1 Corinthians, Chapter 15. [30]
- (b) 'If Christ has not been raised, faith is futile.'
Assess this view. [15]

END OF PAPER