



**GCE AS/A level**

1344/01



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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS1/2 BS**

**Introduction to Biblical Studies**

A.M. THURSDAY, 19 May 2016

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 **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 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 **two** 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 main characteristics of Old Testament apocalyptic literature. [30]  
  
(b) 'There is no difference between Old Testament prophetic literature and Old Testament apocalyptic literature.'  
Assess this view. [15]
  
2. (a) Examine how the problems faced by the Israelites in Egypt and during the Exodus were solved. [30]  
  
(b) 'The Exodus never happened.'  
Assess this view. [15]
  
3. (a) Examine the form and conditionality of God's covenant with Moses. [30]  
  
(b) 'The biblical covenant with Moses is nothing like ancient Near Eastern treaties.'  
Assess this view. [15]
  
4. (a) Examine the traditions reflected in the biblical accounts of the origins of the Hebrew monarchy. [30]  
  
(b) 'Establishing a monarchy in Israel was a negative development.'  
Assess this view. [15]

**Section B: Introduction to the New Testament**

*Answer two questions.*

1. (a) Examine the key themes in the accounts of Jesus' birth in Matthew and Luke. [30]
- (b) 'The differences between Matthew and Luke's account of Jesus' birth cannot be harmonised.'  
Assess this view. [15]
2. (a) Explain how Form Criticism has been used to interpret **two** parables that you have studied. [30]
- (b) 'The only aim of Jesus' parables was to teach his followers how to live.'  
Assess this view. [15]
3. (a) Examine the purposes of Matthew and Luke in their accounts of the miracle of the Healing of the Centurion's Servant. [30]
- (b) 'Miracles are the most important aspect of Jesus' ministry.'  
Assess this view. [15]
4. (a) Examine Luke's account of the crucifixion of Jesus. [30]
- (b) 'It is the resurrection of Jesus that matters, not his death.'  
Assess this view. [15]

**END OF PAPER**