



GCE A level

1348/04



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RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS3 BS
Studies in Biblical Studies

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 15 June 2016

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 how form criticism is applied to Old Testament texts. [30]
(b) 'Form criticism is a useful tool for studying the Old Testament.'
Evaluate this view. [20]
2. (a) Examine the Old Testament concepts of God as transcendent and immanent. [30]
(b) 'The Old Testament writers' concept of God varies widely.'
Evaluate this view. [20]
3. (a) Outline the development of prophecy in Israel up to the eighth century BCE. [30]
(b) 'The prophets of Israel were always influential.'
Evaluate this view. [20]
4. (a) Examine the future hope of **either** Jeremiah **or** Ezekiel. [30]
(b) 'The prophet's teaching was a resounding success.'
Evaluate this view with regard to **either** Jeremiah **or** Ezekiel. [20]

Section B: Studies in the New Testament

Answer two questions.

1. (a) Examine the influence of Judaism on the worship of the early Christian community. [30]

(b) 'The Jerusalem church had a universalist vision and attitude.'
Evaluate this view. [20]

2. (a) Examine the significance of Paul's teaching on the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15. [30]

(b) 'The Easter faith is inseparable from the resurrection event.'
Evaluate this view. [20]

3. (a) Examine the various spiritual gifts used in the life of the early church. [30]

(b) 'The Jerusalem church was dominated by the apostles.'
Evaluate this view. [20]

4. (a) Examine Paul's ethical teaching in the passages of Romans that you have studied. [30]

(b) 'Jesus abolished the Law.'
Evaluate this view. [20]

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