

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 2 An introduction to the Old Testament

RS02

Tuesday 17 January 2006 9.00 am to 10.00 am

For this paper you must have:

- an 8-page answer book

You are permitted the use of a Bible, which may include the Apocrypha.

Time allowed: 1 hour

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is RS02.
- Answer **two** questions.
Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.

Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

1 Read this passage and answer parts (a) and (b) which follow.

‘The story of the anointing of Saul found in 1 Samuel Chapter 10 shows the nature of prophecy and of prophets at the time, as the story is told of how Saul meets first with the prophet Samuel and then with a group of prophets.’

- (a) Explain how Samuel shows the characteristics of a prophet of the time. *(10 marks)*
- (b) Examine the characteristics of prophets which can be seen in the group Saul met. *(10 marks)*

- 2** (a) Explain the meaning of the term covenant in the Old Testament, illustrating your answer with reference to the covenant made with Moses. *(15 marks)*
- (b) ‘Amos never mentions the word covenant, but the idea of the covenant relationship is central to his thought.’

Outline the ways in which the idea of the covenant relationship appears in Amos’ teaching, and assess the claim that Amos’ teaching contains all the central ideas of the covenant with Moses. *(25 marks)*

- 3** (a) Explain **both** why Elijah entered into a ‘contest’ on Mount Carmel **and** what the story shows about Elijah’s role as a prophet. *(15 marks)*
- (b) Outline the ways in which the Old Testament presents the idea of ‘God as one’, and assess how far proving the ‘oneness’ of God is the central purpose of the story of Elijah’s ‘contest’ on Mount Carmel. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS