

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 2 An introduction to the Old Testament

RS02

Wednesday 17 January 2007 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 will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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

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

‘The prophet Amos believed that he had a call from God to go and preach to the people of Israel. One of the themes of his preaching was to challenge the people’s view of their future. The people thought that their future would be a good time for them, but Amos had very different views.’

- (a) Outline what the book of Amos suggests the people thought that the future would be like, and why they thought it would be like this. *(10 marks)*
- (b) Outline what the book of Amos suggests that Amos thought the future of the people would be like, and why he thought it would be like this. *(10 marks)*

- 2 (a) Both Samuel and Amos are described as prophets. Explain the characteristics of prophets which are found in stories about Samuel **and** in the book of Amos. *(15 marks)*
- (b) Outline the characteristics of a prophet which are found in the traditions about Elijah, and assess the claim that calling Samuel, Elijah and Amos ‘prophets’ is misleading because they have nothing in common. *(25 marks)*

- 3 (a) Examine the concept of Covenant found in the material which you have studied about Abraham. *(15 marks)*
- (b) (i) Outline the concept of Covenant found in the material which you have studied about Moses.
- (ii) Assess the claim that the idea of Covenant is better illustrated by the traditions about Abraham than by those about Moses. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS