



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Level Examination  
June 2013

## Religious Studies

## RST3D

Unit 3D Old Testament

Thursday 6 June 2013 9.00 am to 10.30 am

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 12-page answer book.
- You may use a Bible that includes the Apocrypha.

**Time allowed**

- 1 hour 30 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use black ink or black 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 RST3D.
- Answer **two** questions.  
Each question has **two** parts.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

**Information**

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- In each question, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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**Question 1 Ways of reading the Old Testament**

**0 1** Examine the contribution of scholarship to an understanding of the narratives of the Creation and the Fall (Genesis 1-3). *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 2** 'Scholarship is more of a hindrance than a help in understanding the Old Testament.'  
Assess this claim. *(20 marks)*

**Question 2 God and humanity**

**0 3** Examine views found in the Wisdom literature on:  
• the nature of God  
• the human condition. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 4** 'Ecclesiasticus is much more realistic in its views on life and death than is The Wisdom of Solomon.'  
How far do you agree? *(20 marks)*

**Question 3 The ways in which people believed they should live their lives**

**0 5** Examine the relationship and the differences between Wisdom and Law. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 6** 'Law has provided a more helpful basis for right living than has Wisdom literature.'  
How far do you agree? *(20 marks)*

**Question 4 How the people coped in times of crisis – suffering and hope**

**0 7** Examine the people's experience of, and reactions to, the Exile. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 8** How far do you agree that the experience of Exile is a powerful theme in human experience? *(20 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**