



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2015

Religious Studies

RST3D

Unit 3D Old Testament

Wednesday 10 June 2015 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

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 **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. 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.

Answer **two** questions.

Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1 Ways of reading the Old Testament

0 1 Examine how critical theories may be applied to the Exodus traditions recorded in Exodus 14⁵ – 15²¹. **[30 marks]**

and

0 2 'Critical approaches have little value for those who are not Old Testament scholars.'
Assess this view. **[20 marks]**

Question 2 God and humanity

0 3 Examine ideas about the human condition that are found in the traditions about Noah and about the Tower of Babel. **[30 marks]**

and

0 4 'The traditions about Noah and about the Tower of Babel give a totally negative view of the human condition.'
How far do you agree? **[20 marks]**

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

0 5 Examine how the lives of the ancient Israelites were guided by Wisdom literature and by the Law. **[30 marks]**

and

0 6 'For the ancient Israelites, Wisdom literature was more important than the Law.'
Assess this view. **[20 marks]**

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

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 Examine the main themes of exilic prophecy.**[30 marks]**

and

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 'For the exiles, the most important teachings of exilic prophecy were those that predicted the return to Judah.'

Assess this view.

[20 marks]**END OF QUESTIONS**

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