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**Religious Studies**  
Assessment Unit A2 3

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The Covenant Community:  
Prophecy and Renewal

[AR231]

MONDAY 13 MAY, MORNING

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**MV24**

**TIME**

2 hours, plus your additional time allowance.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided. Answer **two** questions from Section A and answer the compulsory question in Section B.

## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The total mark for this paper is 150.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

Figures in brackets printed at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

## **ADVICE TO CANDIDATES**

You are advised to take account of the marks for each question or part question in allocating the available examination time.

## Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) With reference to relevant passages, outline and explain the teaching of Jeremiah concerning his call for personal responsibility in religion. [30]  
  
(b) Critically evaluate the claim that the prophets were more concerned with religious ritual than social justice. [20]
  
- 2 (a) Analyse the contribution of Ezra to the restoration and renewal of the Jewish religion after the Exile. [30]  
  
(b) Critically assess the view that society has much to learn from the religious achievements of Ezra. [20]

- 3 (a)** Explain the main differences between true and false prophecy with particular reference to the confrontation between Amos and Amaziah. [30]
- (b)** Critically evaluate the claim that personal suffering was central to the life and ministry of a true prophet. [20]
- 4** “Cyrus was chosen by Yahweh to liberate the exiles”.
- (a)** With reference to this statement, analyse the message of hope given to the exiles by Second Isaiah. [30]
- (b)** Critically assess the view that Second Isaiah’s message of hope has no relevance for the modern reader. [20]

## Section B

### Synoptic Assessment

#### Theme: Moral Living

You **must** answer this question

- 5 (a)** With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, outline and examine the contribution of some key people to the theme of moral living. [30]
- (b)** Critically evaluate the claim that moral principles are essential in any society. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE  
QUESTION PAPER**

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