



RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENT

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: The Head of Religious Studies

Date: October 2007

Subject: GCE A2 Jewish Scriptures 2:
Extended essay alternative Unit 2783 – January session only

Three reminders

1. The specification (page 60) states:

The texts are to be studied with reference to their date, authorship, purpose and historicity.

Candidates should be able to comment in detail on the texts in relation to the concepts listed below, though questions focussing on the context of short passages ('gobbet' questions) will not be asked.

The specification goes on to give three concepts with appropriate references to texts. For each concept the text references include a phrase that make it clear that texts should be used in all answers on this unit, whether in the extended essay in January or the written examination in summer:

- (a) *The concept of reward and punishment as understood by the writers of the Tenakh: with specific reference to Isaiah 53, Jeremiah 7; Ezekiel 18, Job 19, Daniel 12, 2 Maccabees 7.*
- (b) *A study of the book of Amos, with particular reference to social concerns.*
- (c) *Messianic hope, with particular reference to Isaiah 40 – 43; Micah.*

In the extended essay candidates should be reminded of the importance of using the set texts as the basis for their answers to the title chosen from the published list. In the interests of fairness to all candidates and to ensure comparability with the interchangeable written examination offered in the June session, assessment of this unit is based on the requirements of the specification. Candidates need not restrict their work to the texts stated in the specification. OCR recognises that other texts can be used **in addition** to those stated in the specification to enhance study at A2 level. However, candidates who focus on other texts rather than on those listed in the specification will disadvantage themselves.

2. Only essays on titles printed in the question paper set for the current session can be assessed.

3. It is very important that the work produced should be the candidate's own.

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