



GCE A level

1348/04

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RS3 BS - Studies in Biblical Studies

A.M. MONDAY, 13 June 2011

1³/₄ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

The use of a Bible is NOT permitted.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer questions from one section only, **either** Section A **or** Section B.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer book.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions carry 50 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each part-question.

Part (*a*) of each question tests your knowledge and understanding.

Part (*b*) of each question tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.

You are reminded of the need for good English and orderly, clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Assessment will take into account the quality of written communication in all your answers.

Answer questions from one section only, either Section A or Section B

Section A: Studies in the Old Testament

Answer two questions.

1. (a) With reference to the Old Testament, outline the purpose of
 - (i) source criticism **and**
 - (ii) form criticism **and**
 - (iii) redaction criticism. [30]
- (b) 'Critical methods of studying the Old Testament are worthless.'
Evaluate this view. [20]

2. (a) Examine the various concepts of God in the Old Testament passages that you have studied. [30]
- (b) 'All the Old Testament writers have the same concept of God.'
Evaluate the validity of this statement. [20]

3. (a) Examine the different types of prophets in ancient Israel. [30]
- (b) 'The prophets of Israel were always ignored.'
Assess this view. [20]

4. (a) Examine **either** the confessions of Jeremiah **or** the visions of Ezekiel. [30]
- (b) 'There is very little hope in his teaching.'
Assess this view with regard to **either** Jeremiah **or** Ezekiel. [20]

Section B: Studies in the New Testament

Answer two questions.

1. (a) Examine the relationship between the early Christian community in Jerusalem and Judaism. [30]
(b) 'The early Christian community in Jerusalem was inward-looking and exclusive.'
Assess this view. [20]

2. (a) Explain the significance of the following Christological titles:
(i) Son of David **and**
(ii) Son of God **and**
(iii) Son of Man. [30]
(b) 'Jesus himself made no claim to be the Messiah.'
Assess this view. [20]

3. (a) Examine the three layers of ministry in the early church. [30]
(b) 'While the apostles were alive the Church had no need of other leaders.'
Evaluate this statement. [20]

4. (a) Examine Paul's teaching on the Law. [30]
(b) 'Paul's teaching on the Law is irrelevant today.'
Assess this view. [20]