



**GCE A level**

1348/04

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS3 BS**  
**Studies in Biblical Studies**

A.M. THURSDAY, 6 June 2013

1¾ 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**

Each question carries 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) Describe how a reader can engage with the content of an Old Testament text. [30]  
(b) 'Engagement with the text is all that matters in Old Testament study.'  
Evaluate this view. [20]
  
2. (a) Examine the concept of monotheism in the Old Testament. [30]  
(b) 'Ancient Israelites were not monotheists.'  
Evaluate this statement. [20]
  
3. (a) Describe the various types of prophets in the Old Testament. [30]  
(b) 'The prophet's message was political, not religious.'  
Assess this view with regard to **either** Amos **or** Hosea. [20]
  
4. (a) Examine the historical background of **either** Jeremiah **or** Ezekiel. [30]  
(b) 'The prophet's message is meaningless today.'  
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 communal life of the early Christian community in Jerusalem. [30]  
(b) 'The early Christian attempt at communal life was a complete failure.'  
Assess this view. [20]
  
2. (a) Examine Paul's teaching on the Resurrection in 1 **and** 2 Corinthians. [30]  
(b) 'Paul's teaching on resurrection is meant to prove that Jesus is God.'  
Assess this view. [20]
  
3. (a) Explain the significance of spiritual gifts in the New Testament passages that you have studied. [30]  
(b) 'New Testament women had no spiritual gifts.'  
Evaluate this statement. [20]
  
4. (a) Examine Jesus' teaching on the Law. [30]  
(b) 'Jesus' teaching on the Law replaced the teachings of the Old Testament.'  
Assess this view. [20]