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RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS02
Unit 2   An introduction to the Old Testament

Wednesday 16 January 2008   9.00 am to 10.00 am

For this paper you must have:
 ● an 8-page answer book.
You are permitted the use of a Bible, which may
include the Apocrypha.

Time allowed: 1 hour

Instructions
● Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
● Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper
  is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is RS02.
● Answer **two** questions.
  Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Information
● The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
● The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
● You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use
  specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

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1 Read this passage and answer parts (a) and (b) which follow.

'Through teachings and stories the Old Testament presents many different understandings of various aspects of the nature of God. These include the ideas of God as one and God as lawgiver.'

(a) Outline the ways in which the passages you have studied present the idea of God as one.

(10 marks)

(b) Outline the ways in which the passages you have studied present the idea of God as lawgiver. *(10 marks)*

2 (a) Examine the characteristics of prophecy in the 10th and 9th centuries BCE. *(15 marks)*

(b) Outline the reasons why Elijah came into conflict with King Ahab, and assess how far it was inevitable that prophets came into conflict with the leaders of their day. *(25 marks)*

3 (a) Identify the criticisms which Amos made of the social and religious lives of the people of his time, and explain the reasons for these criticisms. *(15 marks)*

(b) Outline the theme of punishment in the book of Amos, and assess the claim that the message of the book of Amos is essentially one of doom. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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