

General Certificate of Education  
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
**Unit 2 An introduction to the Old Testament**

**RS02**

Monday 13 January 2003          Afternoon Session

**In addition to this paper you will require:**

an 8-page answer book.

You are permitted the use of a Bible, which may include the Apocrypha.

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes

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

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- You will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary, where appropriate. The degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

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

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**1** Read the passage and answer questions (a) to (d) which follow.

“The prophet Amos and the people of his time saw the relationship between God and the people in terms of Covenant – an idea which is found throughout much of the Old Testament. However, the interpretations of this idea by Amos and by the people of his time were very different.”

- (a) Outline the meaning of the word Covenant within the Old Testament. *(10 marks)*
- (b) What does the book of Amos suggest about the way in which the people at the time of Amos understood what Covenant meant for them? *(10 marks)*
- (c) Explain what Amos understood by the Covenant relationship. *(10 marks)*
- (d) Assess how far it is true to say that the views of Amos and those of his contemporaries were totally opposed to each other. *(10 marks)*

**2** (a) “Is Saul also among the prophets?” (1 Samuel 10<sup>11</sup>)

Examine the different types of prophecy found in the story of the anointing of Saul. *(20 marks)*

- (b) Examine the features of prophecy found in the stories of Elijah, and assess the claim that Elijah’s prophetic work had nothing in common with that of other prophets of his time. *(20 marks)*

**3** (a) Examine the ideas on the nature of God which are to be found in the Abraham narratives which you have studied. *(20 marks)*

- (b) Outline the ideas on the nature of God which are found in the Moses narratives you have studied, and assess the claim that these ideas are more relevant for the 21<sup>st</sup> century reader than those in the Abraham narratives. *(20 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**