

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 2 An introduction to the Old Testament

RS02

Thursday 5 June 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

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 60.
- 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.

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

1 Read the passage and answer questions (a) and (b) which follow.

“The story of the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai is central to the Old Testament tradition. The Law embodies the religion and life of the Old Testament.”

(a) Examine the nature of the Law given on Mount Sinai. *(10 marks)*

(b) Explain how the Law was central to the idea of Covenant. *(10 marks)*

2 (a) Examine what may be learned from the story of Elijah and the contest on Mount Carmel about the different types of prophets in Israel at the time. *(15 marks)*

(b) “The story of the contest on Mount Carmel is impossible for the modern reader to accept.”

Examine the aspects of this story which may cause problems for the modern reader, and assess how far the claim is true. *(25 marks)*

3 (a) Describe the work of a prophet in the Old Testament. *(15 marks)*

(b) “Amos was a typical prophet.”

Explain the aspects of the work of Amos which were similar to those of other prophets you have studied, and assess how far you agree with this claim. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS