

General Certificate of Education
June 2005
Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 2 An introduction to the Old Testament

RS02

Thursday 9 June 2005 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 Old Testament presents the idea of God in a great variety of ways. These include the idea of God as lawgiver and the idea of a God who enters into a relationship with people. However, these ideas are not contradictory to each other.”

- (a) Explain briefly what the passages you have studied say about the idea of ‘God as lawgiver’.
(10 marks)
- (b) Outline how this idea of ‘God as lawgiver’ is connected to the idea of ‘a God who enters into a relationship with people’.
(10 marks)

2 (a) “Prophets were people who had special experiences of God.”

Explain this statement with reference to prophets you have studied. *(15 marks)*

- (b) “Prophets were often in conflict with the leaders of their time, and the nature of their message made this inevitable.”

Examine the ways in which prophets you have studied came into conflict with the leaders of their time, and assess how far conflict was inevitable. *(25 marks)*

3 (a) Examine the criticisms which Amos made of the religious beliefs and religious practices of the people of his time. *(15 marks)*

- (b) Outline the social issues that concerned Amos, and assess the view that Amos was more concerned with right religious belief and practice than with social issues. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS