

General Certificate of Education  
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



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

**RS02**

Thursday 8 June 2006 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

**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 are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.

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

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

‘As a prophet, Amos was shocked by what he saw when he went to Samaria. He had much to say about the ways in which the people were treating each other and living their everyday lives, and about the ways in which they practised their religion.’

- (a) Explain what Amos believed was wrong with the ways in which the people were treating each other and living their everyday lives. *(10 marks)*
- (b) Explain what Amos believed was wrong with the ways in which the people practised their religion. *(10 marks)*

**2** (a) Examine what can be learned about the nature of God from the stories which you have studied about Abraham. *(15 marks)*

- (b) (i) Outline the ideas about the nature of God which can be seen in the story of the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai.
- (ii) Assess the claim that the ideas about the nature of God which are shown in the story of the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai have little relevance in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. *(25 marks)*

**3** (a) Outline the types of prophecy found in the 10<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> centuries BCE. *(15 marks)*

- (b) ‘Elijah raised religious and moral issues for King Ahab in the events of Mount Carmel and Naboth’s vineyard.’

Outline the challenges which Elijah presented to King Ahab, and assess how far these challenges were effective. *(25 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**