

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 2 An introduction to the Old Testament

RS02

Thursday 7 June 2007 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 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.

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

‘The prophet Elijah is an outstanding figure in the Old Testament. In the name of his religion, he was not afraid to challenge King Ahab, and his wife, Queen Jezebel. These challenges included the contest on Mount Carmel and the events relating to Naboth’s Vineyard.’

- (a) Explain why Elijah challenged Ahab to the contest on Mount Carmel. *(10 marks)*
- (b) Explain why Elijah came into conflict with Ahab and Jezebel in the story of Naboth’s Vineyard. *(10 marks)*

2 (a) Explain what is meant by the concept of ‘covenant’ in the Old Testament. *(15 marks)*

- (b) ‘Amos believed the people of his time were breaking the Covenant.’
 - (i) Outline the ways in which the behaviour of the people of Israel at the time of Amos conflicted with the responsibilities of the Covenant.
 - (ii) Assess the view that the teaching of Amos provides an ideal introduction to the ideas of Covenant responsibility. *(25 marks)*

3 (a) Examine the ideas on the nature of God which are found in the passages you have studied about Abraham. *(15 marks)*

- (b) (i) Outline the ideas on the nature of God which are found in the passages you have studied from the book of Amos.
- (ii) Assess the claim that it is not easy for 21st century people to relate to either the ideas about the nature of God found in the stories of Abraham, or to those found in the book of Amos. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS