

General Certificate of Education  
June 2004  
Advanced Level Examination



**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**  
**Unit 7 Studies in the Old Testament**

**RS07**

Wednesday 16 June 2004      Morning Session

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

a 12-page answer book.

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

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 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 RS07.
- Answer **two** questions.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- 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 **two** questions.

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- 1 (a) Explain what is meant by the Exodus tradition. *(20 marks)*
- (b) “Even if the Exodus itself never happened, the ideas behind the Exodus tradition remain important.”
- Explain this statement and assess the claim which it makes. *(30 marks)*
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- 2 (a) Examine the understandings of the human condition which are found in the Wisdom literature you have studied. *(20 marks)*
- (b) “Wisdom literature is totally secular in nature.”
- Examine the evidence for this claim and assess how far it is true. *(30 marks)*
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- 3 (a) Examine the views on the nature of God which are found in the passages you have studied from the origin stories in Genesis (chapters 1 to 11). *(20 marks)*
- (b) Explain the view of the nature of God found in the Psalms you have studied, and assess the claim that these Psalms provide a much fuller idea of the nature of God than that found in the early chapters of Genesis. *(30 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**