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Paper 1 Prophets of the Old Testament

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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet. Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in. Write in dark blue or black pen. Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **four** questions.

Answer Question **10** in Section C and **three** other questions, including at least **one** question from Section A and at least **one** question from Section B.

Answer Question **10** in **one** version only.

Where there are differences in quotations from the Bible, **RSV** indicates Revised Standard Version.

NIV indicates New International Version.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

RSV version of Question **10** begins on page 3.

NIV version of Question **10** begins on page 5.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

Section A*Prophecy in general, and Pre-canonical Prophets*

- 1 'Moses was a miracle-worker and a leader, not a prophet.' Discuss.
- 2 Assess which was the most important of the many roles played by Samuel in ancient Israel.
- 3 Discuss the view that 'No other early prophet compares with Elijah in effectiveness, or in his readiness for complete involvement in Yahweh's cause'.
- 4 Assess critically the relationship between prophecy and cult in pre-exilic Israel.
- 5 How and why did prophets use symbolic actions?

Section B*Pre-exilic Prophets, with special reference to Amos, Hosea, Isaiah of Jerusalem and Jeremiah*

- 6 'The Book of Amos is all about God's judgement. The Book of Hosea is all about God's love.' Discuss.
- 7 Assess Isaiah's use of the concepts of God's power and holiness.
- 8 'Everything that Jeremiah said and did was intended to shock his hearers.' Discuss.
- 9 'The pre-exilic writing prophets had the same role as the prophets who came before them. The only difference was that their sayings were written down.' Discuss.

Section C

Answer Question 10 in **one** version only.

REVISED STANDARD VERSION

- 10** Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following passages (wherever possible answers should refer to the context of the passage but should not retell the story from which the passage is taken):
- (a) And the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.” (Numbers 11:16)
- (b) When you depart from me today you will meet two men by Rachel’s tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah, and they will say to you, “The asses which you went to seek are found ...” (1 Samuel 10:2a)
- (c) Then the woman said, “Whom shall I bring up for you?” He said, “Bring up Samuel for me.” (1 Samuel 28:11)
- (d) But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? I have not dwelt in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling.’” (2 Samuel 7:4–6)
- (e) And all the prophets prophesied so, and said, “Go up to Ramoth-gilead and triumph; the LORD will give it into the hand of the king.” (1 Kings 22:12)
- (f) Thus the Lord GOD showed me: behold, a basket of summer fruit. And he said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the LORD said to me, “The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.” (Amos 8:1–2)
- (g) “In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old; that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name,” says the LORD who does this. (Amos 9:11–12)
- (h) And the LORD said to me, “Go again, love a woman who is beloved of a paramour and is an adulteress; even as the LORD loves the people of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins.” So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley. (Hosea 3:1–2)
- (i) The Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses are flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD stretches out his hand, the helper will stumble, and he who is helped will fall, and they will all perish together. (Isaiah 31:3)

- (j) Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”
(Jeremiah 1:5)
- (k) The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: “Stand in the gate of the LORD’s house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all you men of Judah who enter these gates to worship the LORD. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will let you dwell in this place. Do not trust in these deceptive words: ‘This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.’”
(Jeremiah 7:1–4)

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

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- (a) The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Make them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you." (Numbers 11:16)
- (b) When you leave me today, you will meet two men near Rachel's tomb, at Zelzah on the border of Benjamin. They will say to you, "The donkeys you set out to look for have been found." (1 Samuel 10:2a)
- (c) Then the woman asked, "Whom shall I bring up for you?"
"Bring up Samuel," he said. (1 Samuel 28:11)
- (d) That night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:
"Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling.'" (2 Samuel 7:4–6)
- (e) All the other prophets were prophesying the same thing. "Attack Ramoth Gilead and be victorious," they said, "for the LORD will give it into the king's hand." (1 Kings 22:12)
- (f) This is what the Sovereign LORD showed me: a basket of ripe fruit. "What do you see, Amos?" he asked. "A basket of ripe fruit," I answered. Then the LORD said to me, "The time is ripe for my people Israel; I will spare them no longer." (Amos 8:1–2)
- (g) "In that day I will restore David's fallen tent.
I will repair its broken places, restore its ruins,
and build it as it used to be,
so that they may possess the remnant of Edom,
and all the nations that bear my name,"
declares the LORD, who will do these things. (Amos 9:11–12)
- (h) The LORD said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes." So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. (Hosea 3:1–2)
- (i) But the Egyptians are men and not God;
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When the LORD stretches out his hand,
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- (k) This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: “Stand at the gate of the LORD’s house and there proclaim this message: ‘Hear the word of the LORD, all you people of Judah who come through these gates to worship the LORD. This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Reform your ways and your actions, and I will let you live in this place. Do not trust in deceptive words and say, “This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD!”’” (Jeremiah 7:1–4)

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