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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 on both sides of the paper.
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 4.

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 'Prophecy in ancient Israel was no different from prophecy in the surrounding nations.' Discuss.
- 2 Discuss the importance of symbolic actions in conveying the prophet's message.
- 3 Examine critically the prophets' criticisms of the cult in Israel.
- 4 'True prophets never told kings or queens what they wanted to hear.' Discuss this statement in connection with both Nathan and Elijah.
- 5 'Samuel was a prophet but more than a prophet.' Discuss.

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

- 6 Compare and contrast the message of Amos with that of Hosea.
- 7 Assess whether Jeremiah should be called a prophet of doom or a prophet of hope.
- 8 'Isaiah's call cannot be separated from his work and message.' Discuss.
- 9 'The pre-exilic writing prophets intended to shock those who heard them.' Discuss.

Section C

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

REVISED STANDARD VERSION

10 Write brief explanatory comments on **four** of the following:

- (a) And the LORD said to Moses, "Is the LORD's hand shortened? Now you shall see whether my word will come true for you or not." So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and placed them round about the tent. (Numbers 11:23–24)
- (b) Then Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" Saul answered, "I am in great distress; for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams ..." (1 Samuel 28:15a)
- (c) "'And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.'" In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David. (2 Samuel 7:16–17)
- (d) And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria ..." (1 Kings 19:15)
- (e) And Jezebel his wife said to him, "Do you now govern Israel? Arise, and eat bread, and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite." (1 Kings 21:7)
- (f) You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. (Amos 3:2)
- (g) She shall pursue her lovers, but not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them. Then she shall say, 'I will go and return to my first husband, for it was better with me then than now.' (Hosea 2:7)
- (h) What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes early away. (Hosea 6:4)
- (i) There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. (Isaiah 11:1)
- (j) And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests, and the people of the land. They will fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, says the LORD, to deliver you. (Jeremiah 1:18–19)
- (k) Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me: Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle will come to you and say, 'Buy my field which is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.'" (Jeremiah 32:6–7)

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

10 Write brief explanatory comments on **four** of the following:

- (a) The LORD answered Moses, "Is the LORD's arm too short? You will now see whether or not what I say will come true for you." So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and made them stand round the Tent.
(Numbers 11:23–24)
- (b) Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?"
"I am in great distress," Saul said. "The Philistines are fighting against me, and God has turned away from me. He no longer answers me, either by prophets or by dreams..."
(1 Samuel 28:15a)
- (c) "'Your house and your kingdom shall endure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.'" Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation.
(2 Samuel 7:16–17)
- (d) The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram."
(1 Kings 19:15)
- (e) Jezebel his wife said, "Is this how you act as king over Israel? Get up and eat! Cheer up. I'll get you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."
(1 Kings 21:7)
- (f) You only have I chosen of all the families of the earth;
therefore I will punish you for all your sins.
(Amos 3:2)
- (g) She will chase after her lovers but not catch them;
she will look for them but not find them.
Then she will say, "I will go back to my husband as at first,
for then I was better off than now."
(Hosea 2:7)
- (h) What can I do with you, Ephraim?
What can I do with you, Judah?
Your love is like the morning mist,
like the early dew that disappears.
(Hosea 6:4)
- (i) A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
(Isaiah 11:1)
- (j) "Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land – against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land. They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.
(Jeremiah 1:18–19)
- (k) Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field at Anathoth, because as nearest relative it is your right and duty to buy it.'"
(Jeremiah 32:6–7)

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