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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 **one** from Section B.

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

Revised Standard Version of Question **10** begins on page 3.

New International Version of Question **10** begins on page 5.

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

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

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

This document consists of **6** printed pages and **2** blank pages.



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

- 1 Discuss the importance of miracles in the message of the pre-canonical prophets.
- 2 'Samuel was the founder of Old Testament prophecy.' Discuss this claim.
- 3 Assess the importance of Elijah in the development of Old Testament prophecy.
- 4 'The prophets spoke only the word of God, and not their own opinions.' How far do you agree?
- 5 Consider the view that for kings during the pre-canonical period, prophets were a necessary evil.

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

- 6 In your view, what is the best way of interpreting the prophet's personal experience in Hosea 1–3?
- 7 'Amos was nothing more than a prophet of social justice.' Do you agree?
- 8 Examine the importance of symbolic acts in the prophecies of Isaiah of Jerusalem and Jeremiah.
- 9 In your view, which were greater, the pre-canonical or the pre-exilic prophets?

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 a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua the son of Nun, the minister of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, forbid them." But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp. (Numbers 11:27-30)
- (b) And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, either by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets. Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "Behold, there is a medium at Endor." (1 Samuel 28:6-7)
- (c) But [Elijah] himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree; and he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am no better than my fathers." (1 Kings 19:4)
- (d) "... Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, saying, 'I will entice him.' And the LORD said to him, 'By what means?' And he said, 'I will go forth, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And he said, 'You are to entice him, and you shall succeed; go forth and do so.' Now therefore behold, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; the LORD has spoken evil concerning you." (1 Kings 22:21-23)
- (e) Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up out of the land of Egypt:
 'You only have I known
 of all the families of the earth;
 therefore I will punish you
 for all your iniquities.' (Amos 3:1-2)
- (f) "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)
- (g) Hear the word of the LORD, O people of Israel;
 for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land.
 There is no faithfulness or kindness,
 and no knowledge of God in the land;
 there is swearing, lying, killing, stealing, and committing adultery;
 they break all bounds and murder follows murder.
 Therefore the land mourns,
 and all who dwell in it languish,
 and also the beasts of the field,
 and the birds of the air;
 and even the fish of the sea are taken away. (Hosea 4:1-3)

- (h) Then the LORD said to me, "Take a large tablet and write upon it in common speech, 'Belonging to Maher-shalal-hash-baz.'" And I got reliable witnesses, Uriah the Hittite and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah, to attest for me. And I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said to me, "Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz ..." (Isaiah 8:1-4)
- (i) There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear ... (Isaiah 11:1-3)
- (j) The word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem,
Thus says the LORD,
I remember the devotion of your youth,
your love as a bride,
how you followed me in the wilderness,
in a land not sown.
Israel was holy to the LORD,
the first fruits of his harvest.
All who ate of it became guilty;
evil came upon them,
says the LORD." (Jeremiah 2:1-3)
- (k) "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease." (Jeremiah 29:4-6)

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

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- (a) A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' assistant since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!" But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp. (Numbers 11:27-30)
- (b) He enquired of the LORD, but the LORD did not answer him by dreams or Urim or prophets. Saul then said to his attendants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, so that I may go and enquire of her." "There is one in Endor," they said. (1 Samuel 28:6-7)
- (c) [Elijah] himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." (1 Kings 19:4)
- (d) "Finally, a spirit came forward, stood before the LORD and said, 'I will entice him.' 'By what means?' the LORD asked. 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouths of all his prophets,' he said. 'You will succeed in enticing him,' said the LORD. 'Go and do it.' So now the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouths of all these prophets of yours. The LORD has decreed disaster for you." (1 Kings 22:21-23)
- (e) Hear this word the LORD has spoken against you, O people of Israel – against the whole family I brought up out of Egypt:
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 of all the families of the earth;
 therefore I will punish you
 for all your sins." (Amos 3:1-2)
- (f) "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)
- (g) Hear the word of the LORD, you Israelites,
 because the LORD has a charge to bring
 against you who live in the land:
 "There is no faithfulness, no love,
 no acknowledgment of God in the land.
 There is only cursing, lying and murder,
 stealing and adultery;
 they break all bounds,
 and bloodshed follows bloodshed.
 Because of this the land mourns,
 and all who live in it waste away;
 the beasts of the field and the birds of the air

- (h) The LORD said to me, "Take a large scroll and write on it with an ordinary pen: Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz. And I will call in Uriah the priest and Zechariah son of Jeberechiah as witnesses for me." Then I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and gave birth to a son. And the LORD said to me, "Name him Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz." (Isaiah 8:1-4)
- (i) A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
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 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him –
 the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
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 through a land not sown.
 Israel was holy to the LORD,
 the firstfruits of his harvest;
 all who devoured her were held guilty,
 and disaster overtook them,'"
 declares the LORD. (Jeremiah 2:1-3)
- (k) This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease." (Jeremiah 29:4-6)

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