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DIVINITY

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Paper 1 The Prophets of the Old Testament

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3 hours

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
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.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 100.
- All questions are worth 25 marks.

This document has **8** pages. Blank pages are indicated.

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

- 1 Assess who had the greater influence on Israelite prophecy: Moses or Samuel. [25]
- 2 Discuss Elijah's achievements as a prophet. [25]
- 3 How effective were the symbolic acts of the prophets? [25]
- 4 'The prophets spoke their own opinions rather than the word of God.' How far do you agree? [25]
- 5 Discuss the origin and role of prophetic 'ecstasy'. [25]

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

- 6 'The most important part of Amos' message was his concern for social justice.' How far do you agree? [25]
- 7 'Hosea's experiences with Gomer are imaginary, not real.' Assess this claim. [25]
- 8 Assess whether Jeremiah's unhappy life strengthened or weakened him as a prophet. [25]
- 9 Examine the influence of Isaiah's call on his prophetic message. [25]

Section C

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): [25]

(a) When you come into the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, any one who practises divination, a soothsayer, or an augur, or a sorcerer, or a charmer, or a medium, or a wizard, or a necromancer. (Deuteronomy 18:9–11)

(b) And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD. And the LORD appeared again at Shiloh, for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD. (1 Samuel 3:19–21)

(c) Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be disturbed no more...’ (2 Samuel 7:8–10a)

(d) And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, you shall anoint Haz’ael to be king over Syria; and Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel; and Eli’sha the son of Shaphat of A’bel-meho’lah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And him who escapes from the sword of Haz’ael shall Jehu slay; and him who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Eli’sha slay. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Ba’al, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” (1 Kings 19:15–18)

(e) And Zedeki’ah the son of Chena’anah made for himself horns of iron, and said, “Thus says the LORD, ‘With these you shall push the Syrians until they are destroyed.’” 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 22:11–12)

(f) Thus says the LORD:

“For three transgressions of Judah,
and for four, I will not revoke the punishment;
because they have rejected the law of the LORD,
and have not kept his statutes,
but their lies have led them astray,
after which their fathers walked.
So I will send a fire upon Judah,
and it shall devour the strongholds of Jerusalem.”

Thus says the LORD:

“For three transgressions of Israel,
and for four, I will not revoke the punishment;
because they sell the righteous for silver,
and the needy for a pair of shoes ...”

(Amos 2:4–6)

- (g) “Are you not like the Ethiopians to me,
O people of Israel?” says the LORD.
“Did I not bring up Israel from the land of Egypt,
and the Philistines from Caphtor and the Syrians from Kir?
Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom,
and I will destroy it from the surface of the ground;
except that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob,”
says the LORD. (Amos 9:7–8)
- (h) When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
The more I called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Ba’als,
and burning incense to idols. (Hosea 11:1–2)
- (i) For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government will be upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called
“Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom,
to establish it, and to uphold it ... (Isaiah 9:6–7a)
- (j) Thus says the LORD to me, “Go and buy a linen waistcloth, and put it on your loins, and do not dip it in water.” So I bought a waistcloth according to the word of the LORD, and put it on my loins. (Jeremiah 13:1–2)
- (k) I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because thy hand was upon me,
for thou hadst filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Wilt thou be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail? (Jeremiah 15:17–18)

NEW INTERNATIONAL 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): [25]

- (a) When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practises divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead.
(Deuteronomy 18:9–11)
- (b) The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognised that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD. The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word.
(1 Samuel 3:19–21)
- (c) “Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth. And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed.’”
(2 Samuel 7:8–10a)
- (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. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him.”
(1 Kings 19:15–18)
- (e) Now Zedekiah son of Kenaanah had made iron horns and he declared, “This is what the LORD says: ‘With these you will gore the Arameans until they are destroyed.’”

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 22:11–12)

(f) This is what the LORD says:

“For three sins of Judah,
even for four, I will not turn back my wrath.
Because they have rejected the law of the LORD
and have not kept his decrees,
because they have been led astray by false gods,
the gods their ancestors followed,
I will send fire upon Judah
that will consume the fortresses of Jerusalem.”

This is what the LORD says:

“For three sins of Israel,
even for four, I will not turn back my wrath.
They sell the righteous for silver,
and the needy for a pair of sandals.

(Amos 2:4–6)

- (g) “Are not you Israelites
the same to me as the Cushites?”
declares the LORD.
“Did I not bring Israel up from Egypt,
the Philistines from Caphtor
and the Arameans from Kir?

“Surely the eyes of the Sovereign LORD
are on the sinful kingdom.
I will destroy it
from the face of the earth—
yet I will not totally destroy
the house of Jacob,”
declares the LORD. (Amos 9:7–8)
- (h) “When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
But the more I called Israel,
the further they went from me.
They sacrificed to the Baals
and they burned incense to images. (Hosea 11:1–2)
- (i) For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David’s throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it ... (Isaiah 9:6–7a)
- (j) This is what the LORD said to me: “Go and buy a linen belt and put it round your waist, but do not let it touch water.” So I bought a belt, as the LORD directed, and put it round my waist. (Jeremiah 13:1–2)
- (k) I never sat in the company of revellers,
never made merry with them;
I sat alone because your hand was on me
and you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unending
and my wound grievous and incurable?
Will you be to me like a deceptive brook,
like a spring that fails? (Jeremiah 15:17–18)

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