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**3 hours**

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.



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**Section A**

*Prophecy in general, and Pre-canonical Prophets.*

- 1 'Israelite prophecy originated outside Israel.' Discuss.
- 2 Assess the importance of Elijah for the development of Old Testament prophecy.
- 3 How far can it be argued that the story of Samuel is an ideal one, not a real one?
- 4 'Moses was a prophet but more than a prophet.' Discuss.
- 5 Discuss the view that there is very little difference between true and false prophets in ancient Israel.

**Section B**

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

- 6 'The whole of the Book of Amos is concerned with social justice.' Discuss.
- 7 Examine the use that Hosea makes of the concept of God's love.
- 8 Assess the importance of Isaiah's call for his work and message.
- 9 'Jeremiah was a prophet of doom.' 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) For these nations, which you are about to dispossess, give heed to soothsayers and to diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you so to do. (Deuteronomy 18:14)
- (b) At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down within the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. (1 Samuel 3:2–3)
- (c) And now, O Lord GOD, thou art God, and thy words are true, and thou hast promised this good thing to thy servant; now therefore may it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee ... (2 Samuel 7:28–29a)
- (d) Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” (1 Kings 19:2)
- (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) Surely the Lord GOD does nothing,  
without revealing his secret  
to his servants the prophets.  
The lion has roared;  
who will not fear?  
The Lord GOD has spoken;  
who can but prophesy? (Amos 3:7–8)
- (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. (Hosea 4:1–2)
- (h) I will not execute my fierce anger,  
I will not again destroy Ephraim;  
for I am God and not man,  
the Holy One in your midst,  
and I will not come to destroy. (Hosea 11:9)

- (i) My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
and he looked for it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes. (Isaiah 5:1b–2)
- (j) And the word of the LORD came to me a second time, “Take the waistcloth which you have bought, which is upon your loins, and arise, go to the Euphrates, and hide it there in a cleft of the rock.” (Jeremiah 13:3–4)
- (k) For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.  
If I say, “I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,”  
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire  
shut up in my bones,  
and I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot. (Jeremiah 20:8b–9)

## 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):
- (a) The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practise sorcery or divination. But as for you, the LORD your God has not permitted you to do so. (Deuteronomy 18:14)
- (b) One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. (1 Samuel 3:2–3)
- (c) O Sovereign LORD, you are God! Your words are trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant. Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue for ever in your sight ... (2 Samuel 7:28–29a)
- (d) So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.” (1 Kings 19:2)
- (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) Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing  
without revealing his plan  
to his servants the prophets.  
The lion has roared –  
who will not fear?  
The Sovereign LORD has spoken –  
who can but prophesy? (Amos 3:7–8)
- (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 acknowledgement of God in the land.  
There is only cursing, lying and murder,  
stealing and adultery;  
they break all bounds,  
and bloodshed follows bloodshed. (Hosea 4:1–2)
- (h) I will not carry out my fierce anger,  
nor will I turn and devastate Ephraim.  
For I am God, and not man –  
the Holy One among you.  
I will not come in wrath. (Hosea 11:9)

- (i) My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.  
He dug it up and cleared it of stones  
and planted it with the choicest vines.  
He built a watchtower in it  
and cut out a winepress as well.  
Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,  
but it yielded only bad fruit. (Isaiah 5:1b–2)
- (j) Then the word of the LORD came to me a second time: “Take the belt you bought and are wearing round your waist, and go now to Perath and hide it there in a crevice in the rocks.”  
(Jeremiah 13:3–4)
- (k) So the word of the LORD has brought me  
insult and reproach all day long.  
But if I say, “I will not mention him  
or speak any more in his name,”  
his word is in my heart like a fire,  
a fire shut up in my bones.  
I am weary of holding it in;  
indeed, I cannot. (Jeremiah 20:8b–9)



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