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**Religious Studies**  
Assessment Unit A2 3

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The Covenant Community:  
Prophecy and Renewal

[AR231]

WEDNESDAY 16 MAY, MORNING

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**TIME**

2 hours.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.  
Answer **two** questions from Section A and answer the compulsory question in Section B.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The total mark for this paper is 150.  
Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.  
Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

**ADVICE TO CANDIDATES**

You are advised to take account of the marks for each question or part question in allocating the available examination time.

## Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) With special reference to the religious and social issues involved, analyse the role of Nehemiah in the reconstruction of Jerusalem after the exile. [30]  
  
(b) Critically evaluate the view that the reforms introduced after the exile were too harsh. [20]
  
- 2 (a) Identify and consider the message of hope brought to the exiles by Deutero-Isaiah. [30]  
  
(b) Critically assess the claim that this message is no longer relevant. [20]
  
- 3 (a) Outline and explain Ezekiel's vision of a new Temple and a new Israel. [30]  
  
(b) Critically evaluate the view that Ezekiel's teaching after the fall of Jerusalem challenged the people in exile. [20]
  
- 4 (a) Analyse and discuss the teaching of the prophet Jeremiah concerning the need for repentance. [30]  
  
(b) Critically assess the claim that the "confessions" of Jeremiah offer no comfort to the modern reader. [20]

## Section B

### Synoptic Assessment

#### Theme: Moral Living

You **must** answer this question

- 5 (a) With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, outline and examine some ideas on the theme of moral living. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that religious belief provides the only solid foundation for moral living. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

