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**Religious Studies**  
Assessment Unit AS 3

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An Introduction to Old Testament  
Covenant and Prophecy

[AR131]

THURSDAY 31 MAY, MORNING

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**TIME**

1 hour 20 minutes.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.  
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The total mark for this paper is 100.  
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.

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## Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A.

- 1 (a) Give an account and explain the importance of the events which led to the confrontation between the prophet Nathan and King David. [35]
- (b) Explore the claim that David and Bathsheba were equally responsible for their disobedience to the Covenant. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) With reference to the prophecy of Amos, describe how the people of Israel failed to live as God's chosen people. [35]
- (b) Comment on the view that the prophet Amos only brought a message of despair. Justify your answer. [15]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B.

- 3 (a) Explain the central themes of the teaching of the prophet Micah. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that structural sin is a greater evil than personal sin. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Describe and explain the significance of the Mosaic Covenant for the people of Israel. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that the moral demands of the Decalogue are irrelevant even for the religious believer. Justify your answer. [15]

