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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 3

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**An Introduction to Old Testament
Covenant and Prophecy**

[AR131]



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TUESDAY 15 JANUARY, MORNING

TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Candidate Number and Centre 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) Explain the response of First Isaiah to the threat from Israel and Syria during the reign of King Ahaz. [35]
- (b) Explore the claim that Isaiah of Jerusalem was truly a prophet of judgement. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) With reference to the Book of Hosea, describe and explain the message of hope. [35]
- (b) Comment on the view that Hosea presents a unique image of God. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Give an account of the political and religious successes of David as King of Israel. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that high moral standards are essential for effective political leadership. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Describe and explain the nature of the Abrahamic Covenant. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that obedience to the will of God is difficult in a society of conflicting religious and secular beliefs. Justify your answer. [15]

