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Paper 3 Prophets of the Old Testament

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1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
 - Section A: answer **two** questions.
 - Section B: answer Question 4.
 - Section C: answer **one** question.
- 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 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A

Answer **two** of the following three questions.

Answers should refer to the context of the passage wherever possible. Answers should not retell the story from which the passage is taken.

- 1 Outline points of interest or difficulty in the following passage.

1 Samuel 9:9, NRSVA

(Formerly in Israel, anyone who went to inquire of God would say, 'Come, let us go to the seer'; for the one who is now called a prophet was formerly called a seer.) [5]

- 2 Outline points of interest or difficulty in the following passage.

Amos 5:21–24, NRSVA

I hate, I despise your festivals,
 and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
 Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,
 I will not accept them;
 and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
 I will not look upon.
 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
 I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
 But let justice roll down like waters,
 and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. [5]

- 3 Outline points of interest or difficulty in the following passage.

Jeremiah 16:1–4, NRSVA

The word of the LORD came to me: You shall not take a wife, nor shall you have sons or daughters in this place. For thus says the LORD concerning the sons and daughters who are born in this place, and concerning the mothers who bear them and the fathers who beget them in this land: They shall die of deadly diseases. They shall not be lamented, nor shall they be buried; they shall become like dung on the surface of the ground. They shall perish by the sword and by famine, and their dead bodies shall become food for the birds of the air and for the wild animals of the earth. [5]

[Total: 10]

Section B

Answer Question 4.

- 4 Read the following passage and then answer the question below:

Exodus 2:5–10, NRSVA

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Discuss the view that miraculous or unusual stories about the prophets are not true. Refer to the passage above and other passages you have studied in your answer. [15]

Section C

Answer **EITHER** Question 5 **OR** Question 6.

EITHER

- 5 'In ancient Israel it was impossible to distinguish between true and false prophets.' Evaluate this claim. [25]

OR

- 6 Examine the impact of Jeremiah's call to be a prophet on his work and message. [25]

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