

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS
Joint Examination for the Higher School Certificate
and General Certificate of Education Advanced Level

DIVINITY

9011/1

PAPER 1 Prophets of the Old Testament

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER SESSION 2002

3 hours

Additional materials:
Answer paper

TIME 3 hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer paper/answer booklet.

Answer **four** questions.

Answer Question **10** in Section C and **three** other questions, including at least **one** question from Section A and at least **one** question from Section B.

Answer Question **10** in **one** version only.

Write your answers on the separate answer paper provided.

If you use more than one sheet of paper, fasten the sheets together.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

Where there are differences in quotations from the Bible,

RSV indicates Revised Standard Version.

NIV indicates New International Version.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

RSV version of Question **10** begins on page 3.

NIV version of Question **10** begins on page 5.

This question paper consists of 7 printed pages and 1 blank page.



Section A

Prophecy in general, and Pre-canonical Prophets.

- 1 'Prophecy in Israel began with Samuel.' Discuss.
- 2 Discuss the view that all prophets in Israel were part of the cult.
- 3 Assess the importance of Elijah in the history of Old Testament prophecy.
- 4 'The story of Micaiah ben Imlah (1 Kings 22) shows that there was really no difference between true and false prophets in ancient Israel.' Discuss.
- 5 How and why were the prophetic oracles collected and preserved?

Section B

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

- 6 Consider the view that the whole of Amos' message was about social justice.
- 7 Discuss the main influences on Hosea which inspired his prophecies.
- 8 Assess the importance of the prophecies about David in the message of Isaiah of Jerusalem.
- 9 Some scholars regard Jeremiah more as a traitor than as a prophet. To what extent, if at all, can this view be justified?

Section C

Answer **Q.10** in one version only

REVISED STANDARD VERSION

Write brief explanatory comments on **four** of the following:

- 10 (a)** I am not able to carry all this people alone, the burden is too heavy for me. If thou wilt deal thus with me, kill me at once, if I find favour in thy sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.
(Numbers 11:14-15)
- (b)** There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish ... a man of wealth; and he had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he; from his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people.
(1 Samuel 9:1-2)
- (c)** When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, either by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets.
(1 Samuel 28:5-6)
- (d)** And he arose, and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. And there he came to a cave, and lodged there; and behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"
(1 Kings 19: 8-9)
- (e)** And the men of his city, the elders and the nobles who dwelt in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them. As it was written in the letters which she had sent to them, they proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people. And the two base fellows came in and sat opposite him; and the base fellows brought a charge against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying "Naboth cursed God and the king."
(1 Kings 21:11-13a)
- (f)** Thus says the LORD: "As the shepherd rescues from the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear, so shall the people of Israel who dwell in Samaria be rescued, with the corner of a couch and part of a bed."
(Amos 3:12)
- (g)** When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
The more I called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and burning incense to idols.
Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk ...
(Hosea 11:1-3a)
- (h)** For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nations shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
(Isaiah 2:3b-4)

- (i) My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
He dugged 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) Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, says the LORD. Go now to my place that was in Shiloh, where I made my name dwell at first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. (Jeremiah 7:11-12)
- (k) And I bought the field at Anathoth from Hanamel my cousin, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase ... and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of ... witnesses ... (Jeremiah 32:9-12a)

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

Write brief explanatory comments on **four** of the following:

- 10 (a)** I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. If this is how you are going to treat me, put me to death right now – if I have found favour in your eyes – and do not let me face my own ruin. (Numbers 11:14-15)
- (b)** There was a Benjamite, a man of standing, whose name was Kish ... He had a son named Saul, an impressive young man without equal among the Israelites – a head taller than any of the others. (1 Samuel 9:1-2)
- (c)** When Saul saw the Philistine army, he was afraid; terror filled his heart. He enquired of the LORD, but the LORD did not answer him by dreams or Urim or prophets. (1 Samuel 28:5-6)
- (d)** So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he travelled for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?” (1 Kings 19: 8-9)
- (e)** So the elders and the nobles who lived in Naboth’s city did as Jezebel directed in the letters she had written to them. They proclaimed a fast and seated Naboth in a prominent place among the people. Then two scoundrels came and sat opposite him and brought charges against Naboth before the people, saying, “Naboth has cursed both God and the king.” (1 Kings 21:11-13a)
- (f)** This is what the LORD says:
 “As a shepherd saves from the lion’s mouth
 only two leg bones or a piece of an ear,
 so will the Israelites be saved,
 those who sit in Samaria on the edge of their beds
 and in Damascus on their couches.” (Amos 3:12)
- (g)** When Israel was a child, I loved him,
 and out of Egypt I called my son.
 But the more I called Israel,
 the further they went from me.
 They sacrificed to the Baals
 and they burned incense to images.
 It was I who taught Ephraim to walk ... (Hosea 11:1-3a)
- (h)** The law will go out from Zion,
 the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
 He will judge between the nations
 and will settle disputes for many peoples.
 They will beat their swords into ploughshares
 and their spears into pruning hooks.
 Nation will not take up sword against nation,
 nor will they train for war any more. (Isaiah 2:3b-4)

- (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) Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you? But I have been watching! declares the LORD.
Go now to the place in Shiloh, where I first made a name dwelling for my Name, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of my people Israel. (Jeremiah 7:11-12)
- (k) So I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out for him seventeen shekels of silver. I signed and sealed the deed, had it witnessed, and weighed out the silver on the scales. I took the deed of purchase – the sealed copy ... and I gave this deed to Baruch son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of ... witnesses ... (Jeremiah 32:9-12a)

Copyright Acknowledgements:

Scripture quotations from the *Revised Standard Version* of the Bible, © 1946, 1952, 1971 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. Used by permission.

Scripture quotations from the *New International Version*, © The International Bible Society. Used by permission.