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Paper 1 Prophets of the Old Testament

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**3 hours**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **four** questions.

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

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

Revised Standard Version of Question **10** begins on page 3.

New International Version of Question **10** begins on page 5.

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

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

This document consists of **6** printed pages and **2** blank pages.



**Section A**

*Prophecy in general, and Pre-canonical Prophets.*

- 1 Discuss the relationship between the prophets and the cult. [25 marks]
- 2 Consider the view that Moses was a clever politician rather than a prophet. [25 marks]
- 3 In your view, which were most important in the message of the prophets: miracles or symbolic acts? [25 marks]
- 4 'Samuel was the greatest of the pre-exilic prophets.' Discuss. [25 marks]
- 5 Assess the view that the Old Testament prophets saw kings as a necessary evil. [25 marks]

**Section B**

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

- 6 'In the message of Amos, God does not appear as a God of love.' Discuss. [25 marks]
- 7 Examine the use Isaiah of Jerusalem makes of the idea of God as Sovereign Ruler. [25 marks]
- 8 To what extent does the message of Hosea show that love is stronger than judgement? [25 marks]
- 9 'Jeremiah could not make up his mind whether he should preach a message of doom or a message of hope.' Discuss. [25 marks]

**Section C**

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

**REVISED STANDARD VERSION**

- 10** Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following passages (wherever possible answers should refer to the context of the passage but should not retell the story from which the passage is taken):
- (a) For whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD; and because of these abominable practices the LORD your God is driving them out before you. You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. For these nations, which you are about to dispossess, give heed to soothsayers and to diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you so to do. (Deuteronomy 18:12–14)
- (b) Then Samuel took a vial of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him and said, “Has not the LORD anointed you to be prince over his people Israel?” (1 Samuel 10:1)
- (c) He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. When he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men; but I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. (2 Samuel 7:13–15)
- (d) Ahab said to Elijah, “Have you found me O my enemy?” He answered, “I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the LORD. Behold, I will bring evil upon you; I will utterly sweep you away, and will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel.” (1 Kings 21:20–21)
- (e) Hear this word, you cows of Bashan,  
     who are in the mountain of Samaria,  
 who oppress the poor, who crush the needy,  
     who say to their husbands, “Bring, that we may drink!”  
 The Lord GOD has sworn by his holiness  
     that, behold, the days are coming upon you,  
 when they shall take you away with hooks,  
     even the last of you with fishhooks. (Amos 4:1–2)
- (f) Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,  
     ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
     and Israel must go into exile  
     away from his land.’” (Amos 7:10–11)
- (g) And she did not know  
     that it was I who gave her the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
 and who lavished upon her silver  
     and gold which they used for Baal. (Hosea 2:8)

- (h) For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or teraphim. Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and they shall come in fear to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days. (Hosea 3:4–5)
- (i) 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;  
 nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
 neither shall they learn war any more. (Isaiah 2:3b–4)
- (j) And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Jeremiah, what do you see?” And I said, “I see a rod of almond.” Then the LORD said to me, “You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it.”  
 The word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying, “What do you see?” And I said, “I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north.” (Jeremiah 1:11–13)
- (k) Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and the seed of beast. And it shall come to pass that as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say:  
 ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes,  
 and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’ (Jeremiah 31:27–29)

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**NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION**

- 10** Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following passages (wherever possible answers should refer to the context of the passage but should not retell the story from which the passage is taken):
- (a) Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD, and because of these detestable practices the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you. You must be blameless before the LORD your God. The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practise sorcery or divination. But as for you, the LORD your God has not permitted you to do so.  
(Deuteronomy 18:12–14)
- (b) Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul’s head and kissed him, saying, “Has not the LORD anointed you leader over his inheritance?”  
(1 Samuel 10:1)
- (c) He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.  
(2 Samuel 7:13–15)
- (d) Ahab said to Elijah, “So you have found me, my enemy!”  
“I have found you,” he answered, “because you have sold yourself to do evil in the eyes of the LORD. I am going to bring disaster on you. I will consume your descendants and cut off from Ahab every last male in Israel – slave or free.”  
(1 Kings 21:20–21)
- (e) Hear this word, you cows of Bashan on Mount Samaria,  
you women who oppress the poor and crush the needy  
and say to your husbands, “Bring us some drinks!”  
The Sovereign LORD has sworn by his holiness:  
“The time will surely come  
when you will be taken away with hooks,  
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- (f) Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. For this is what Amos is saying:  
‘Jeroboam will die by the sword,  
and Israel will surely go into exile,  
away from their native land.’”  
(Amos 7:10–11)
- (g) She has not acknowledged that I was the one  
who gave her the grain, the new wine and oil,  
who lavished on her the silver and gold –  
which they used for Baal.  
(Hosea 2:8)
- (h) For the Israelites will live for many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or idol. Afterwards the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days.  
(Hosea 3:4–5)

- (i) 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)
- (j) The word of the LORD came to me: “What do you see, Jeremiah?”  
“I see the branch of an almond tree,” I replied.  
The LORD said to me, “You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled.”  
The word of the LORD came to me again: “What do you see?”  
“I see a boiling pot, tilting away from the north,” I answered. (Jeremiah 1:11–13)
- (k) “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will plant the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the offspring of men and of animals. Just as I watched over them to uproot and tear down, and to overthrow, destroy and bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant,” declares the LORD. “In those days people will no longer say,  
‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes,  
and children’s teeth are set on edge.’” (Jeremiah 31: 27–29)

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