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 General Certificate of Education

Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 3
assessing
 Themes in the Old Testament



ARE31

[ARE31] Assessment

TIME

2 hours.

Assessment Level of Control:

Tick the relevant box (✓)

Controlled Conditions	
Other	

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
 Answer **two** questions from Section A and the compulsory question in Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.
 Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.
 Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of the 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 part question in allocating the available examination time.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) Discuss the issues surrounding the fate of the Amalekites. [20]
- (b) "Genocide is never acceptable in any age."
Critically assess this statement with reference to problems concerning the nature of a loving and just God. [30]
- 2 (a) Clarify the background to, and meaning of, the New Covenant in Jeremiah. [20]
- (b) "The Bible shows that human nature doesn't change, so inevitably prophecy will fall on deaf ears."
In relation to Old Testament texts, how far do you agree with this statement? [30]
- 3 (a) Examine the significance of Ezekiel's role as a watchman. [20]
- (b) "The message of Ezekiel is strange and the sexually explicit language he uses shocks readers today."
Critically evaluate this claim. [30]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Leadership, Text and Alienation

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) Analyse how religious texts inform an understanding of religious leadership.

You must support your answer with reference to at least one other unit of study. [20]

- (b) "Religious texts are the only basis for ethics in the modern world."

Critically evaluate this statement. You must refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [30]

