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Paper 1 The Prophets of the Old Testament

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3 hours

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
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.
- 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 100.
- All questions are worth 25 marks.

This document has **8** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Section A***Prophecy in general and Pre-canonical Prophets***

- 1 Discuss Moses' achievements as a prophet. [25]
- 2 'The origins of Israelite prophecy are clear.' Evaluate this claim. [25]
- 3 'Prophets were clever politicians.' Discuss. [25]
- 4 Examine the nature and role of prophetic ecstasy. [25]
- 5 Discuss the importance of the prophetic call in the work of the prophets. [25]

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

- 6 'The life and teachings of Amos as a prophet were different from those of any other prophet.' Assess this view. [25]
- 7 Examine the main ideas in the Book of Hosea. [25]
- 8 'The most important theme for the prophet Isaiah is God's holiness.' Discuss. [25]
- 9 Examine the part played by symbolic acts in Jeremiah's prophecies. [25]

Section C

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): [25]
- (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.”
And the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel ...”
(Numbers 11:14–16a)
- (b) And the LORD said to me, ‘They have rightly said all that they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brethren; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.’
(Deuteronomy 18:17–18)
- (c) Then Saul fell at once full length upon the ground, filled with fear because of the words of Samuel; and there was no strength in him, for he had eaten nothing all day and all night. And the woman came to Saul, and when she saw that he was terrified, she said to him, “Behold, your handmaid has hearkened to you; I have taken my life in my hand, and have hearkened to what you have said to me.”
(1 Samuel 28:20–21)
- (d) “And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.” In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.
(2 Samuel 7:16–17)
- (e) So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “I will disguise myself and go into battle, but you wear your robes.” And the king of Israel disguised himself and went into battle.
(1 Kings 22:29–30)
- (f) Thus says the LORD:
“For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment;
because he burned to lime the bones of the king of Edom.
So I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the strongholds of Kerioth,
and Moab shall die amid uproar, amid shouting and the sound of the trumpet;
I will cut off the ruler from its midst, and will slay all its princes with him,” says the LORD.
(Amos 2:1–3)
- (g) So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.
And the LORD said to him, “Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. And on that day, I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.”
(Hosea 1:3–5)
- (h) Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the LORD has spoken:
“Sons have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me.
The ox knows its owner, and the ass its master’s crib;
but Israel does not know, my people does not understand.”

Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity,
offspring of evildoers, sons who deal corruptly!
They have forsaken the LORD, they have despised the Holy One of Israel,
they are utterly estranged.
(Isaiah 1:2–4)

- (i) In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious.

In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant which is left of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Ethiopia, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea. (Isaiah 11:10–11)

- (j) Now Pashhur the priest, the son of Immer, who was chief officer in the house of the LORD, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things. Then Pashhur beat Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper Benjamin Gate of the house of the LORD.

(Jeremiah 20:1–2)

- (k) In that same year, at the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fifth month of the fourth year, Hananiah the son of Azzur, the prophet from Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and all the people, saying, “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. Within two years I will bring back to this place all the vessels of the LORD’s house, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place and carried to Babylon. I will also bring back to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and all the exiles from Judah who went to Babylon, says the LORD, for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.” (Jeremiah 28:1–4)

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): [25]

(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.”

The LORD said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders ...” (Numbers 11:14–16a)

(b) The LORD said to me: “What they say is good. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him.” (Deuteronomy 18:17–18)

(c) Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of Samuel’s words. His strength was gone, for he had eaten nothing all that day and night.

When the woman came to Saul and saw that he was greatly shaken, she said, “Look, your maidservant has obeyed you. I took my life in my hands and did what you told me to do.” (1 Samuel 28:20–21)

(d) “Your house and your kingdom shall endure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.”

Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation. (2 Samuel 7:16–17)

(e) So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah went up to Ramoth Gilead. The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “I will enter the battle in disguise, but you wear your royal robes.” So the king of Israel disguised himself and went into battle. (1 Kings 22:29–30)

(f) This is what the LORD says:

“For three sins of Moab, even for four, I will not turn back my wrath. Because he burned, as if to lime, the bones of Edom’s king, I will send fire upon Moab that will consume the fortresses of Kerioth. Moab will go down in great tumult amid war cries and the blast of the trumpet. I will destroy her ruler and kill all her officials with him,” says the LORD. (Amos 2:1–3)

(g) So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

Then the LORD said to Hosea, “Call him Jezreel, because I will soon punish the house of Jehu for the massacre at Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of Israel. In that day I will break Israel’s bow in the Valley of Jezreel.” (Hosea 1:3–5)

(h) Hear, O heavens! Listen, O earth! For the LORD has spoken:

“I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me. The ox knows his master, the donkey his owner’s manger, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand.”

Ah, sinful nation, a people loaded with guilt,
a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption!
They have forsaken the LORD; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel
and turned their backs on him. (Isaiah 1:2–4)

(i) In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious. In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the sea. (Isaiah 11:10–11)

- (j) When the priest Pashhur son of Immer, the chief officer in the temple of the LORD, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things, he had Jeremiah the prophet beaten and put in the stocks at the Upper Gate of Benjamin at the LORD's temple. (Jeremiah 20:1–2)
- (k) In the fifth month of that same year, the fourth year, early in the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, the prophet Hananiah son of Azzur, who was from Gibeon, said to me in the house of the LORD in the presence of the priests and all the people: "This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: 'I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon. Within two years I will bring back to this place all the articles of the LORD's house that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon removed from here and took to Babylon. I will also bring back to this place Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim king of Judah and all the other exiles from Judah who went to Babylon,' declares the LORD, 'for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.' "

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