



# Cambridge International A Level

**DIVINITY**

**9011/12**

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 Assess which of the many roles played by Moses was the most important. [25]
- 2 'Elijah's influence on the development of Old Testament prophecy was greater than that of Samuel.' How far do you agree? [25]
- 3 Discuss the claim that all pre-exilic prophets in Israel were part of the cult. [25]
- 4 'Israel's prophets were always critical of kings.' Consider this claim with reference to prophets of your choice. [25]
- 5 'The pre-canonical prophets in Israel killed many people; therefore they cannot be seen as morally good.' Discuss. [25]

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

- 6 Examine why the prophetic message of Amos was so difficult for his hearers to accept. [25]
- 7 'Hosea's family life explains everything about his prophecies.' How far do you agree? [25]
- 8 Examine both the call of Isaiah and his prophetic message that follows from it. [25]
- 9 'Jeremiah's message was intended to shock both those who saw him and those who heard him.' Discuss this claim. [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) And the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you." (Numbers 11:16)

(b) Now the asses of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. So Kish said to Saul his son, "Take one of the servants with you, and arise, go and look for the asses." (1 Samuel 9:3)

(c) The woman said to him, "Surely you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the wizards from the land. Why then are you laying a snare for my life to bring about my death?" But Saul swore to her by the LORD, "As the LORD lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing." (1 Samuel 28:9–10)

(d) And he said, "Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. (1 Kings 19:11–12)

(e) And the messenger who went to summon Micaiah said to him, "Behold, the words of the prophets with one accord are favourable to the king; let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak favourably." But Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives, what the LORD says to me, that I will speak." And when he had come to the king, the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear?" And he answered him, "Go up and triumph; the LORD will give it into the hand of the king." (1 Kings 22:13–15)

(f) Thus says the LORD:

"For three transgressions of Israel,  
and for four, I will not revoke the punishment;  
because they sell the righteous for silver,  
and the needy for a pair of shoes—  
they that trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth,  
and turn aside the way of the afflicted;  
a man and his father go in to the same maiden,  
so that my holy name is profaned ..."

(Amos 2:6–7)

- (g) Wine and new wine  
 take away the understanding.  
 My people inquire of a thing of wood,  
 and their staff gives them oracles.  
 For a spirit of harlotry has led them astray,  
 and they have left their God to play the harlot.  
 They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains,  
 and make offerings upon the hills,  
 under oak, poplar, and terebinth,  
 because their shade is good.
- Therefore your daughters play the harlot,  
 and your brides commit adultery. (Hosea 4:11–13)
- (h) I will heal their faithlessness;  
 I will love them freely,  
 for my anger has turned from them.  
 I will be as the dew to Israel;  
 he shall blossom as the lily,  
 he shall strike root as the poplar;  
 his shoots shall spread out;  
 his beauty shall be like the olive,  
 and his fragrance like Lebanon.  
 They shall return and dwell beneath my shadow,  
 they shall flourish as a garden;  
 they shall blossom as the vine,  
 their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon. (Hosea 14:4–7)
- (i) The LORD spoke to me again: “Because this people have refused the waters of Shiloah that flow gently, and melt in fear before Rezin and the son of Remaliah; therefore, behold, the LORD is bringing up against them the waters of the River, mighty and many, the king of Assyria and all his glory; and it will rise over all its channels and go over all its banks; and it will sweep on into Judah, it will overflow and pass on, reaching even to the neck; and its outspread wings will fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel.” (Isaiah 8:5–8)
- (j) “But you, gird up your loins; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests, and the people of the land. They will fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, says the LORD, to deliver you.” (Jeremiah 1:17–19)
- (k) Woe is me, my mother, that you bore me, a man of strife and contention to the whole land! I have not lent, nor have I borrowed, yet all of them curse me. So let it be, O Lord, if I have not entreated thee for their good, if I have not pleaded with thee on behalf of the enemy in the time of trouble and in the time of distress! Can one break iron, iron from the north, and bronze? (Jeremiah 15:10–12)

## 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) The LORD said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you.” (Numbers 11:16)

(b) Now the donkeys belonging to Saul’s father Kish were lost, and Kish said to his son Saul, “Take one of the servants with you and go and look for the donkeys.” (1 Samuel 9:3)

(c) But the woman said to him, “Surely you know what Saul has done. He has cut off the mediums and spiritists from the land. Why have you set a trap for my life to bring about my death?”

Saul swore to her by the LORD, “As surely as the LORD lives, you will not be punished for this.” (1 Samuel 28:9–10)

(d) The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. (1 Kings 19:11–12)

(e) The messenger who had gone to summon Micaiah said to him, “Look, the other prophets without exception are predicting success for the king. Let your word agree with theirs, and speak favourably.”

But Micaiah said, “As surely as the LORD lives, I can tell him only what the LORD tells me.”

When he arrived, the king asked him, “Micaiah, shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or not?”

“Attack and be victorious,” he answered, “for the LORD will give it into the king’s hand.” (1 Kings 22:13–15)

(f) This is what the LORD says:

For three sins of Israel,  
 even for four, I will not relent.  
 They sell the innocent for silver,  
 and the needy for a pair of sandals.  
 They trample on the heads of the poor  
 as on the dust of the ground  
 and deny justice to the oppressed.  
 Father and son use the same girl  
 and so profane my holy name.

(Amos 2:6–7)

- (g) ... old wine and new wine  
 take away their understanding.  
 My people consult a wooden idol,  
 and a diviner's rod speaks to them.  
 A spirit of prostitution leads them astray;  
 they are unfaithful to their God.  
 They sacrifice on the mountaintops  
 and burn offerings on the hills,  
 under oak, poplar and terebinth,  
 where the shade is pleasant.  
 Therefore your daughters turn to prostitution  
 and your daughters-in-law to adultery. (Hosea 4:11–13)
- (h) I will heal their waywardness  
 and love them freely,  
 for my anger has turned away from them.  
 I will be like the dew to Israel;  
 he will blossom like a lily.  
 Like a cedar of Lebanon  
 he will send down his roots;  
 his young shoots will grow.  
 His splendour will be like an olive tree,  
 his fragrance like a cedar of Lebanon.  
 People will dwell again in his shade;  
 they will flourish like the grain,  
 they will blossom like the vine—  
 Israel's fame will be like the wine of Lebanon. (Hosea 14:4–7)
- (i) The LORD spoke to me again:  
 "Because this people has rejected  
 the gently flowing waters of Shiloah  
 and rejoices over Rezin  
 and the son of Remaliah,  
 therefore the LORD is about to bring against them  
 the mighty floodwaters of the Euphrates—  
 the king of Assyria with all his pomp.  
 It will overflow all its channels,  
 run over all its banks  
 and sweep on into Judah, swirling over it,  
 passing through it and reaching up to the neck.  
 Its outspread wings will cover the breadth of your land,  
 Immanuel!" (Isaiah 8:5–8)
- (j) "Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will terrify you before them. Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land— against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land. They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD. (Jeremiah 1:17–19)

- (k) Alas, my mother, that you gave me birth,  
a man with whom the whole land strives and contends!  
I have neither lent nor borrowed,  
yet everyone curses me.

The LORD said,

“Surely I will deliver you for a good purpose;  
surely I will make your enemies plead with you  
in times of disaster and times of distress.

“Can a man break iron—  
iron from the north—or bronze?

(Jeremiah 15:10–12)

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