



# Cambridge International A Level

**DIVINITY**

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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 6.
- 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.

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

- 1 'Moses was not a real person: he was a model of what a true prophet should be like.' Assess this view. [25]
- 2 Assess the importance of Samuel in the development of Old Testament prophecy. [25]
- 3 'Elijah is best described as a champion of justice.' How far do you agree? [25]
- 4 'In pre-exilic Israel all prophets were cultic prophets.' Discuss. [25]
- 5 'Miracles were the most effective way of delivering a prophet's message.' How far do you agree? [25]

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

- 6 Discuss the main ideas in the prophecies of Amos. [25]
- 7 Examine what Hosea teaches about God's love for Israel. [25]
- 8 Examine Isaiah's main prophetic teachings in chapters 1–12 of his book. [25]
- 9 Consider the effects of Jeremiah's call on his prophetic message. [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) So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and placed them round about the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was upon him and put it upon the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did so no more. (Numbers 11:24–25)
- (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? And you shall reign over the people of the LORD and you will save them from the hand of their enemies round about. And this shall be the sign to you that the LORD has anointed you to be prince over his heritage. When you depart from me today you will meet two men by Rachel’s tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah, and they will say to you, ‘The asses which you went to seek are found, and now your father has ceased to care about the asses and is anxious about you, saying, “What shall I do about my son?”’” (1 Samuel 10:1–2)
- (c) In those days the Philistines gathered their forces for war, to fight against Israel. And A’chish said to David, “Understand that you and your men are to go out with me in the army.” David said to A’chish, “Very well, you shall know what your servant can do.” And A’chish said to David, “Very well, I will make you my bodyguard for life.”  
Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. And Saul had put the mediums and the wizards out of the land. (1 Samuel 28:1–3)
- (d) In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.’ (2 Samuel 7:7–9)
- (e) And Jehosh’aphat said to the king of Israel, “I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.”  
And Jehosh’aphat said to the king of Israel, “Inquire first for the word of the LORD.” Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, “Shall I go to battle against Ramoth-gilead, or shall I forbear?” And they said, “Go up; for the Lord will give it into the hand of the king.” But Jehosh’aphat said, “Is there not here another prophet of the LORD of whom we may inquire?” (1 Kings 22:4b–7)
- (f) “Behold, I will press you down in your place,  
as a cart full of sheaves presses down.  
Flight shall perish from the swift,  
and the strong shall not retain his strength,  
nor shall the mighty save his life;  
he who handles the bow shall not stand,  
and he who is swift of foot shall not save himself,  
nor shall he who rides the horse save his life;  
and he who is stout of heart among the mighty  
shall flee away naked in that day,”  
says the LORD.

(Amos 2:13–16)

**[Turn over**

- (g) They shall return to the land of Egypt,  
and Assyria shall be their king,  
because they have refused to return to me.  
The sword shall rage against their cities,  
consume the bars of their gates,  
and devour them in their fortresses.  
My people are bent on turning away from me;  
so they are appointed to the yoke,  
and none shall remove it. (Hosea 11:5–7)
- (h) He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist,  
and faithfulness the girdle of his loins. (Isaiah 11:3b–5)
- (i) Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help  
and rely on horses,  
who trust in chariots because they are many  
and in horsemen because they are very strong,  
but do not look to the Holy One of Israel  
or consult the LORD!  
And yet he is wise and brings disaster,  
he does not call back his words,  
but will arise against the house of the evildoers,  
and against the helpers of those who work iniquity.  
The Egyptians are men, and not God;  
and their horses are flesh, and not spirit.  
When the LORD stretches out his hand,  
the helper will stumble, and he who is helped will fall,  
and they will all perish together. (Isaiah 31:1–3)
- (j) “For the sons of Judah have done evil in my sight, says the LORD; they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to defile it. And they have built the high place of Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I did not command, nor did it come into my mind. Therefore, behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when it will no more be called Topheth, or the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of Slaughter: for they will bury in Topheth, because there is no room elsewhere. And the dead bodies of this people will be food for the birds of the air, and for the beasts of the earth; and none will frighten them away. And I will make to cease from the cities of Judah and from the streets of Jerusalem the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride; for the land shall become a waste. (Jeremiah 7:30–34)
- (k) “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, says the LORD.

“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.  
(Jeremiah 23:1–5)

## 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) So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.  
(Numbers 11:24–25)
- (b) Then Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it on Saul’s head and kissed him, saying, “Has not the LORD anointed you ruler over his inheritance? When you leave me today, you will meet two men near Rachel’s tomb, at Zelzah on the border of Benjamin. They will say to you, ‘The donkeys you set out to look for have been found. And now your father has stopped thinking about them and is worried about you. He is asking, “What shall I do about my son?”’”  
(1 Samuel 10:1–2)
- (c) In those days the Philistines gathered their forces to fight against Israel. Achish said to David, “You must understand that you and your men will accompany me in the army.” David said, “Then you will see for yourself what your servant can do.” Achish replied, “Very well, I will make you my bodyguard for life.” Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in his own town of Ramah. Saul had expelled the mediums and spiritists from the land.  
(1 Samuel 28:1–3)
- (d) Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” “Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth.’”  
(2 Samuel 7:7–9)
- (e) Jehoshaphat replied to the king of Israel, “I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.” But Jehoshaphat also said to the king of Israel, “First seek the counsel of the LORD.” So the king of Israel brought together the prophets—about four hundred men—and asked them, “Shall I go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?” “Go,” they answered, “for the Lord will give it into the king’s hand.” But Jehoshaphat asked, “Is there no longer a prophet of the LORD here whom we can inquire of?”  
(1 Kings 22:4b–7)
- (f) “Now then, I will crush you  
as a cart crushes when loaded with grain.  
The swift will not escape,  
the strong will not muster their strength,  
and the warrior will not save his life.  
The archer will not stand his ground,  
the fleet-footed soldier will not get away,  
and the horseman will not save his life.  
Even the bravest warriors  
will flee naked on that day,”  
declares the LORD.  
(Amos 2:13–16)

- (g) “Will they not return to Egypt  
and will not Assyria rule over them  
because they refuse to repent?  
A sword will flash in their cities;  
it will devour their false prophets  
and put an end to their plans.  
My people are determined to turn from me.  
Even though they call me God Most High,  
I will by no means exalt them. (Hosea 11:5–7)
- (h) He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,  
or decide by what he hears with his ears;  
but with righteousness he will judge the needy,  
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.  
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;  
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.  
Righteousness will be his belt  
and faithfulness the sash around his waist. (Isaiah 11:3b–5)
- (i) Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help,  
who rely on horses,  
who trust in the multitude of their chariots  
and in the great strength of their horsemen,  
but do not look to the Holy One of Israel,  
or seek help from the LORD.  
Yet he too is wise and can bring disaster;  
he does not take back his words.  
He will rise up against that wicked nation,  
against those who help evildoers.  
But the Egyptians are mere mortals and not God;  
their horses are flesh and not spirit.  
When the LORD stretches out his hand,  
those who help will stumble,  
those who are helped will fall;  
all will perish together. (Isaiah 31:1–3)
- (j) “The people of Judah have done evil in my eyes, declares the LORD. They have set up their detestable idols in the house that bears my Name and have defiled it. They have built the high places of Topheth in the Valley of Ben Hinnom to burn their sons and daughters in the fire—something I did not command, nor did it enter my mind. So beware, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when people will no longer call it Topheth or the Valley of Ben Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter, for they will bury the dead in Topheth until there is no more room. Then the carcasses of this people will become food for the birds and the wild animals, and there will be no one to frighten them away. I will bring an end to the sounds of joy and gladness and to the voices of bride and bridegroom in the towns of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem, for the land will become desolate. (Jeremiah 7:30–34)

- (k) “Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,  
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,  
a King who will reign wisely  
and do what is just and right in the land.”

(Jeremiah 23:1–5)

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