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Paper 3 Prophets of the Old Testament **May/June 2026**

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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
  - Section A: answer **two** questions.
  - Section B: answer Question 4.
  - Section C: answer **one** question.
- 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 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Section A

Answer **two** of the following three questions.

Answers should refer to the context of the passage wherever possible. Answers should **not** retell the story from which the passage is taken.

1 Outline points of interest or difficulty in the following passage.

2 Samuel 24:2, NRSVA

So the king said to Joab and the commanders of the army, who were with him, 'Go through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beer-sheba, and take a census of the people, so that I may know how many there are.' [5]

2 Outline points of interest or difficulty in the following passage.

Numbers 11:24–25, NRSVA

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. [5]

3 Outline points of interest or difficulty in the following passage.

2 Kings 2:3, NRSVA

The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' [5]

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Section B

Answer Question 4.

4 Read the following passage and then answer the question:

1 Samuel 1:17–20, NRSVA

Then Eli answered, 'Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.' And she said, 'Let your servant find favour in your sight.' Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'

Discuss the claim that Samuel's birth narrative is critical to his role as a prophet. Refer to the passage above and other passages you have studied in your answer. [15]

Section C

Answer **EITHER** Question 5 **OR** Question 6.

Either

5 'The main role of prophets was to intercede between God and his people.' Discuss. [25]

Or

6 Evaluate the significance of Elijah's use of miracles in demonstrating that Yahweh was the True King (Lord). [25]

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