



# Cambridge O Level

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## BIBLICAL STUDIES

2035/01

Paper 1 The Portrayal of God in the Bible

For examination from 2024

SPECIMEN PAPER

1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total:
  - Section A: answer **one** question.
  - Section B: answer **two** questions.
- 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 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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## Section A

Answer **one** question. Answer all parts of the chosen question.

## EITHER

- 1 (a) Read the following passage and then answer the questions:

**Isaiah 52:13, NRSVA**

'See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
and shall be very high.'

- (i) Outline how Isaiah describes the suffering servant. [3]
- (ii) Outline how Isaiah says that people would react to the suffering servant. [3]
- (b) Explain what Isaiah's prophecy about the suffering servant might teach Christians today. [6]
- (c) 'Jesus was more of a saviour than a prophet.' Discuss. [8]

[Total: 20]

## OR

- 2 (a) Read the following passage and then answer the questions:

**Exodus 14:1–2, NRSVA**

Then the LORD said to Moses: 'Tell the Israelites to turn back and camp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea ...'

- (i) State **two** reasons why the Lord says he will harden Pharaoh's heart. [2]
- (ii) Outline what the Israelites said to Moses when they saw the Egyptians advancing on them. [4]
- (b) Explain what this story might teach about God and his relationship with people. [6]
- (c) Assess the view that the God of Exodus would not have let Pharaoh kill the Israelites. [8]

[Total: 20]

**Section B**

Answer **two** questions. Answer all parts of the chosen two questions.

- 3** (a) Describe what happened in the account in Genesis when the Lord could not find a helper for the man. [6]
- (b) Explain why this passage might not be taken literally by some Christians. [6]
- (c) Assess the view that Genesis has nothing to teach Christians about the creation of humanity. [8]
- [Total: 20]
- 4** (a) Outline the description of Goliath in 1 Samuel. [6]
- (b) Explain how Christians might apply the story of David and Goliath in their lives today. [6]
- (c) 'A king is nothing more than a representative of God on earth.' Discuss. [8]
- [Total: 20]
- 5** (a) Outline the vision of Cornelius in Acts, including Cornelius's reaction. [6]
- (b) Explain the importance of this vision in the development of the early church. [6]
- (c) To what extent should Christians always wait for God's guidance before making a big decision? [8]
- [Total: 20]

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