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Answer two questions.

1 (a) Explain the problems of dating the principal events in the life of Abraham. [25]

(b) ‘As there is no archaeological evidence for the life of Abraham, his life should be regarded as myth.’ Discuss. [10]

2 (a) Explain the origin and purpose of wisdom (hohma) literature. [25]

(b) ‘Form criticism is not a useful tool when looking at Jewish texts, all that is needed is faith.’ Discuss. [10]

3 (a) Explain the idea of covenant as a distinctive Jewish concept. [25]

(b) To what extent is G-d’s covenant with Jeremiah the most important of all covenants? [10]

4 (a) Explain what the Book of Jonah teaches about humans’ inability to hide from G-d. [25]

(b) Assess the view that the Book of Jonah teaches more about the characteristics of humans than G-d. [10]

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