**8a) Examine Prophet Amos’ message of doom upon the people of Israel. (13mks)**

* Amos condemned the pagan states of Syria, Tyre because of their weakness, they were to suffer from God’s punishments.
* Amos said that the day of the Lord was going to be characterized by doom and darkness but not light and joy.
* Amos said that the wives of the rich were to be dragged into exile.
* Amos condemned the Israelites for betraying the covenant law and exploiting the poor so they were to be crushed for their evil acts.
* Amos reminded the Israelites that God sent punishments like famine, wars as a way of making them repent but they didn’t change so more disaster will befall them.
* Amos prophesized doom for the rich who acted as choiced lambs, drunk wine in expensive cups, used expensive perfumes.
* Amos prophesized that they should no longer enjoy because instead their songs will turn into funeral songs and rich men will be taken to exile.
* Amos said that no one will escape death if they climbed mountains; hide under the seas they will die.
* Prophet Amos said that there will be too much destruction of property together with the ones of the alters of Bethel.
* Amos saw five destructive visions which God was going to use to punish the Israelites.
* Amos sang a funeral song to illustrate the future of Israel. This song showed there was no hope for the Israelites.
* Amos pronounced judgment upon priest Amaziah, he said his wife was to become a prostitute, his children were to die and Amaziah as well.
* Amos pronounced judgment upon the Israelites that they would be taken away from their own land into exile.
* Amos said that they would be wailing, mourning all over among the Israelites.
* Amos said that God was going to send a foreign army to occupy they land of Israelites and oppress them.

**b) How does the prophet console the people of Israel? (12mks)**

* The prophet said that the Lord was going to restore Israel after exile which was a sign of hope.
* The prophet said that God was to live renment rebuild Israel to emphasize God’s love for mankind.
* Amos saw the locusts and fire in the vision and pleaded to God who also changed his mind by with drawing the punishment.
* Amos said that the Israelites were to be taken into exile but the Lord is forgiving and merciful.
* Amos said that time was coming when God will forgive those who have repented.
* Amos said that the Israelites would enjoy the fruits of their work because they would eat whatever they had planted.
* Amos said that God was going to space the descendants of Jacob.
* Amos said the days are coming when corn will grow faster than it can be harvested.
* Amos said grapes will grow faster than the wine can be made.
* Amos said he would bring the Israelites back to their land.
* Amos said they will rebuild their ruined cities and live there.
* Amos said they will plant vineyards and drink the wine.
* Amos said they will plant gardens and eat what they grow.
* Amos said they will not be pulled up again.