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## **Religious Studies**

Assessment Unit A2 1

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Themes in the Synoptic Gospels

**MV18**

**[ARE11]**

**FRIDAY 10 JUNE, MORNING**

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### **Time**

2 hours, plus your additional time allowance.

### **Instructions to Candidates**

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.

Answer **two** questions from Section A and the compulsory question in Section B.

### **Information for Candidates**

The total mark for this paper is 150.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions. Figures in brackets printed at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

### **Advice to Candidates**

You are advised to take account of the marks for each part question in allocating the available examination time.

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## Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) Discuss the importance of the “Q” source within B.H. Streeter’s four source hypothesis. [20 marks]
  
- (b) Consider critically the view that Narrative Criticism has made the greatest contribution to understanding the Synoptic Gospels. [30 marks]
  
  
- 2 (a) Examine Jesus’ teaching on the command to love in the Synoptic Gospels. [20 marks]
  
  
- (b) “In a world that values individualism and materialism, the command to love without limits is unrealistic.”  
  
To what extent is this claim true? [30 marks]
  
  
- 3 (a) Outline Luke’s main theological concerns in the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus. [20 marks]
  
  
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that inconsistencies in the resurrection narratives make belief in the resurrection difficult. [30 marks]

## Section B

### Synoptic Assessment

#### Theme: Religious Texts, Authority and Interpretation

You **must** answer this question

4 (a) “Religious texts are often open to misinterpretation.”

With reference to **one** example, analyse this statement. You must support your answer with reference to at least **one** other unit of study. [20 marks]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, critically assess the view that religious texts are outdated and only cause conflict. [30 marks]

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**This is the end of the question paper**

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