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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 2

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An Introduction to the
Acts of the Apostles



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FRIDAY 19 MAY, AFTERNOON

TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.

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Complete in black ink only. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) With particular reference to the external evidence, examine the arguments for the authorship of Acts. [25]

- (b) “The author of Acts was writing exclusively for a Gentile audience.”

In light of evidence from the text, comment on this claim. Justify your answer. [25]

- 2 (a) With reference to the text, discuss the success of Paul’s third missionary journey. [25]

- (b) “The preaching of Philip had a greater impact on the spread of the gospel than the miracles of Peter.”

Assess the truth of this claim. Justify your answer. [25]



Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Give an account of the importance of Pentecost for the first Christians, with particular reference to the meaning of “speaking in tongues”. [25]

- (b) “The interpretation of sacred texts has had a negative influence on religious belief and practice.”

With reference to other aspects of human experience, assess this claim.
Justify your answer. [25]

- 4 (a) Examine the content and significance of Stephen’s speech to the Sanhedrin for the early Church. [25]

- (b) “Evangelism is necessary for the survival of religious belief in a pluralist society.”

With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate this view.
Justify your answer. [25]





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