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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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THURSDAY 23 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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Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) With reference to the text, summarise the evidence that Luke wrote Acts to give a history of the early Church. [25]
- (b) “The emphasis on the Holy Spirit is the most striking characteristic of Acts.”
Assess this claim. Justify your answer. [25]
- 2 (a) Discuss Peter’s role in spreading the Gospel message to the Jews. [25]
- (b) Comment on the view that the martyrdom of Stephen was central to making the mission of the Church universal. Justify your answer. [25]



Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) "Paul's experience on the road to Damascus changed both him and the early Church."

Give an account of the evidence to support this statement. [25]

- (b) "In religious belief, sudden and dramatic conversion should always be treated with suspicion."

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

- 4 (a) With particular reference to the Simon Magus incident, discuss the role and importance of Philip in Acts. [25]

- (b) "Secularisation has been more negative than positive for religious believers."

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

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