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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 2

assessing

Themes in Selected Letters
of St Paul



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FRIDAY 30 MAY, MORNING

TIME

2 hours.

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.

Do not write outside the boxed area on each page or on blank pages.

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

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

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

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

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)** Explain Paul's understanding of the conflict between the "flesh" and the Spirit in his Letter to the Galatians (5:7–6:10). [20]
- (b)** "Paul's teaching on the Law provides guidance for Christians in every age, yet it also causes division."
Critically assess this view. [30]
- 2 (a)** Explain how Paul's image of the human body (12:12–28) clarifies his understanding of spiritual gifts in Corinthians. [20]
- (b)** "All of Paul's teaching is based on love."
With reference to any **two** of the Letters you have studied, how far do you agree with this claim? [30]
- 3 (a)** With reference to the text, outline Paul's teaching on spiritual warfare in Ephesians (6:10–18). [20]
- (b)** "Paul provides sound pastoral advice in Ephesians for religious believers, but it needs to be updated."
Consider critically this claim. [30]



Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Controversy, Division and Reconciliation

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) “Religious texts play a key role in fostering reconciliation in society.”

With reference to **one** example, present a case for this statement.

You must support your answer with reference to at least **one** other unit of study. [20]

- (b) “Strict religious rules always cause controversy in religion and wider society.”

How far do you agree with this view?

You must refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [30]

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