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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 2

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An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles

[AR121]



THURSDAY 15 JANUARY, AFTERNOON

TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.
Quality of written communication will be assessed in all questions.
Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

You are advised to take account of the marks for each question or part question.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Give an account of the main arguments for the dating of the Book of Acts. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that a study of the purpose of Acts is more important than a study of its date. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Describe the main events of Paul's first missionary journey and their significance. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that Paul fulfilled Christ's commission "You will be my witnesses . . . to the ends of the earth." Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain how Peter carried out the role of evangelist in the early chapters of the Book of Acts. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the relevance of authority for religion. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Describe the main features of church life and organisation as recorded in the Book of Acts. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that religious groups can learn much from the early Christian attitudes to church life and organisation. Justify your answer. [15]

