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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 2

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An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles

[AR121]

FRIDAY 5 JUNE, AFTERNOON



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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) Explain the arguments surrounding the main sources used by the author of the Acts of the Apostles. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the author of Acts wrote a reliable history of the beginnings of the Christian Church. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Give an account of Stephen's speech and its significance. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the evangelising activity of Philip was just as important as the martyrdom of Stephen in the spread of the Christian faith. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain the main difficulties that Paul faced in his second missionary journey. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that religious believers can learn much from Paul's response to opposition. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Give an account of Peter's healing of the lame man at the Temple and the significance of the speech that followed. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that miracles cannot be understood without religious faith. Justify your answer. [15]

