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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 2

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An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles

[AR121]

THURSDAY 31 MAY, MORNING



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 in allocating the available examination time.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A.

- 1 (a) Give an account of the debate concerning the authorship of Acts. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that a study of the sources of Acts is essential for an understanding of its content. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Describe and explain Philip's encounter with the Ethiopian. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that Stephen and Philip played an equally important role in the spread of the Gospel. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B.

- 3 (a) Explain the challenges faced by Paul on his first missionary journey. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that defending religious belief should always be a priority for the believer. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Describe the teaching and practice of baptism, prayer and possessions in the life of the Church in Acts. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that religious practice has lost its importance for believers. Justify your answer. [15]

