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Religious Studies
Assessment Unit A2 2

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Selected New Testament Writings:
A Study of Acts, Galatians and
1 Corinthians

[AR221]

MONDAY 13 MAY, MORNING



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TIME

2 hours.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **two** questions from Section A and answer the compulsory question in Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.
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.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) Outline and explain the significance of Paul's arrival, arrest and speeches in Jerusalem. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that the ending of the book of Acts was entirely appropriate. [20]
- 2 (a) Analyse Paul's speech at Miletus and explain how it encouraged and challenged the church leaders of the time. [30]
- (b) With reference to Acts and the Letters you have studied, critically evaluate the claim that Paul's primary focus was always to protect the Church. [20]
- 3 (a) Outline Paul's teaching on justification by faith and explain why it was relevant to the Galatian churches. [30]
- (b) "Christian freedom is a topic which continues to divide the church today." Critically assess this claim. [20]
- 4 (a) Examine Paul's teaching on immorality, lawsuits and marriage as found in 1 Corinthians. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that since Paul was writing to first century Corinthians his teaching is irrelevant for Christians today. [20]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Religious Controversy

You **must** answer this question

- 5 (a) With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, examine some key ideas which create religious controversy. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that religious controversy has many benefits for religious communities. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

