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General Certificate of Education

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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



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THURSDAY 14 MAY, MORNING

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 issues surrounding the abrupt ending of the Book of Acts. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that the main concern in the final chapters of Acts is to prove that Paul is innocent of the charges against him. [20]
- 2 (a) Analyse and discuss the reasons for the Council of Jerusalem, its proceedings and outcome. [30]
- (b) “The acceptance of Gentiles into the Church, was without doubt, the greatest challenge faced by the early Church.”
- With reference to Acts and the Letters, critically assess this view. [20]
- 3 (a) Discuss the reasons for and importance of Paul’s defence of his authority and apostleship as found in Galatians. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that Paul’s views on the law and grace have little relevance for today. [20]
- 4 (a) Examine the purpose of 1 Corinthians with particular reference to Paul’s teaching on marriage and immorality. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that Paul’s teachings in 1 Corinthians are regarded by Christians today as outdated and impractical. [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 the significance of some key people in relation to religious controversy. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that the main responsibility of religious leaders is to resolve religious controversy. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

