



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2009

Religious Studies

RSS07

Unit G New Testament

Thursday 15 January 2009 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an 8-page answer book.
- You may use a Bible that includes the Apocrypha.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 15 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is RSS07.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- In each question, part (a) tests your knowledge and understanding, while part (b) tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Examine why the writers of the synoptic gospels edited the material they used. *(30 marks)*
- (b) Assess the claim that the synoptic gospels cannot be trusted to give an accurate account of the life of Jesus. *(15 marks)*
- 2 (a) Examine the theology and teaching found in the Parable of the Tenants in the Vineyard. *(30 marks)*
- (b) Assess the view that the main purpose of the parables was to give guidance for behaviour. *(15 marks)*
- 3 (a) Explain what Mark and Luke teach about the person of Jesus in their accounts of his crucifixion and death. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘Luke’s claims about the person of Jesus are unconvincing.’
- Assess this view with reference to Luke’s account of Jesus’ crucifixion and death. *(15 marks)*
- 4 (a) Examine the main differences between the accounts of the resurrection of Jesus recorded in Matthew and Luke. *(30 marks)*
- (b) ‘The resurrection narratives are of little importance for Christian faith.’
- Assess this claim. *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS