



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Religious Studies

RSS07

Unit G New Testament

Specimen paper for examinations in June 2010 onwards

This question paper uses the new numbering system and new AQA answer book

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 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, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part 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.

Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1 How the synoptic gospels came into being

0 1 Examine the relationship between the three synoptic gospels. (30 marks)

AND

0 2 'There would be more advantage in having a single gospel than having three similar gospels.'

Assess this claim. (15 marks)

Question 2 Aspects of Jesus' teaching and action, parables and healings

0 3 With reference to **one** healing miracle, explain the role and purpose of healing miracles in the synoptic gospels. (30 marks)

AND

0 4 'In a scientific age, Jesus' healings still have meaning.'

Assess this claim. (15 marks)

Question 3 The arrest, trial and death of Jesus

0 5 Examine the main differences between Matthew's and Luke's accounts of the trials of Jesus. (30 marks)

AND

0 6 Assess the claim that Jesus was crucified because he was a threat to Pilate. (15 marks)

Question 4 The resurrection of Jesus

0 7 Explain what Mark and Luke teach about the person of Jesus in their accounts of his resurrection. (30 marks)

AND

0 8 'The longer ending of Mark's gospel (Mark 16⁹⁻²⁰) cannot be considered authentic.'

Assess this claim. (15 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS