



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Religious Studies

RSS07

Unit G New Testament

Thursday 26 May 2011 9.00 am to 10.15 am

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 role of oral tradition in the formation of the synoptic gospels. (30 marks)

and

0 | 2 'The synoptic gospels cannot be trusted to give an accurate account of the life or teaching of Jesus.'

To what extent do you agree? (15 marks)

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

0 | 3 Examine the teaching found in the accounts of the healing of the Centurion's Slave in Matthew and Luke. (30 marks)

and

0 | 4 'The only purpose of the healing miracles was to show the need to have faith in Jesus.'

Assess this claim. (15 marks)

Question 3 The arrest, trial and death of Jesus

0 | 5 Examine the teaching about the person of Jesus in Matthew's account of the trial and death of Jesus. (30 marks)

and

0 | 6 'Matthew's claims about the person of Jesus are unconvincing.'

Assess this view with reference to Matthew's account of Jesus' trial and death. (15 marks)

Question 4 The resurrection of Jesus

0 | 7 Examine scholars' views of the theological message of Jesus' 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