



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2012

Religious Studies

RSS07

Unit G New Testament

Tuesday 17 January 2012 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 relationship between the three synoptic gospels. (30 marks)

and

0 | 2 'The synoptic gospels give accurate accounts of the life of Jesus.'
How far do you agree? (15 marks)

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

0 | 3 Examine the purpose of miraculous healings with reference to the healing of Legion. (30 marks)

and

0 | 4 'In a scientific age Jesus' miracles have no meaning.'
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

Question 3 The arrest, trial and death of Jesus

0 | 5 With reference to the accounts of Jesus' trial and death, examine how:
• Matthew portrays Jesus as a suffering Messiah
• Luke portrays Jesus as an innocent man. (30 marks)

and

0 | 6 To what extent can these differences in the portrayal of Jesus be satisfactorily explained? (15 marks)

Question 4 The resurrection of Jesus

0 | 7 Explain the problems raised by the synoptic accounts of the resurrection. (30 marks)

and

0 | 8 'The problems raised by the synoptic accounts of the resurrection cannot be solved.'
How far do you agree? (15 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS