



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## Religious Studies

## RSS07

Unit G New Testament

Tuesday 15 January 2013 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.

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Answer **two** questions.

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

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**Question 1 How the synoptic gospels came into being**

**0 | 1** Explain the evidence that the Gospel of Mark was the first gospel to be written. (30 marks)

and

**0 | 2** 'To understand the meaning of the synoptic gospels, it is necessary to understand how they came into being.'  
How far do you agree? (15 marks)

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

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

and

**0 | 4** 'The purpose of the healing miracles is to prove that Jesus is the Messiah.'  
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

**Question 3 The arrest, trial and death of Jesus**

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

and

**0 | 6** 'The differences in the accounts of the trial of Jesus in Matthew and Luke do not mean that their accounts are historically unreliable.'  
How far do you agree? (15 marks)

**Question 4 The resurrection of Jesus**

**0 | 7** Explain the problems raised by the final chapter of Mark's Gospel (Mark 16). (30 marks)

and

**0 | 8** 'A literal understanding of the resurrection narratives is not essential to the Christian faith.'  
To what extent do you agree? (15 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**