

## Teacher Resource Bank

GCE Religious Studies

Unit 3E: *New Testament*

Additional Specimen Questions



**GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION  
ADVANCED LEVEL**



**RELIGIOUS STUDIES UNIT 3E  
NEW TESTAMENT**

**RST3E**

**ADDITIONAL SPECIMEN QUESTIONS**

**For this paper you must have:**

- a 12 page answer book.

You are permitted the use of a Bible, which may include the Apocrypha.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 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 **RST3E**.
- Answer **two** questions.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- 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 English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **two** questions.

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**1** (a) (30 marks)

(b) (20 marks)

**2** (a) (30 marks)

(b) (20 marks)

**3** (a) With reference to the following **two** signs in John's Gospel, show how the purpose of the signs is to teach about the purpose and ministry of Jesus.

Water into Wine (John 2<sup>1-11</sup>), **and**  
The Feeding of the Five Thousand (John 6<sup>1-15</sup>). (30 marks)

(b) 'The signs are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.'

To what extent is this the main purpose of the signs in John's Gospel?  
(20 marks)

**4** (a) (30 marks)

(b) (20 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**



## **GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION ADDITIONAL SPECIMEN MARK SCHEME NEW TESTAMENT RST3E**

Mark schemes are normally prepared by the Principal Examiner and considered, together with the relevant questions, by a panel of subject teachers. When published, a mark scheme normally includes any amendments made at the standardisation meeting attended by all examiners and is the scheme which was used by them in the examination. The standardisation meeting ensures that the mark scheme covers the candidates' responses to questions and that every examiner understands and applies it in the same correct way. As preparation for the standardisation meeting each examiner analyses a number of candidates' scripts: alternative answers not already covered by the mark scheme are discussed at the meeting and legislated for. If, after this meeting, examiners encounter unusual answers which have not been discussed at the meeting they are required to refer these to the Principal Examiner.

It must be stressed that a mark scheme is a working document, in many cases further developed and expanded on the basis of candidates' reactions to a particular paper. Assumptions about future mark schemes on the basis of this year's document should be avoided; whilst the guiding principles of assessment remain constant, details will change, depending on the content of a particular examination paper.

## RST3E: New Testament

- 2 (a) **With reference to the following two signs in John's Gospel, show how the purpose of the signs is to teach about the purpose and ministry of Jesus.**

**Water into Wine (John 2<sup>1-11</sup>), and  
The Feeding of the Five Thousand (John 6<sup>1-15</sup>).**

Level 1-3 answers will probably give a brief summary of the two signs. It will be narrative with occasional reference to the focus of person and ministry of Jesus. Expect little or no explanation but rather an outline of the two signs.

Level 4-5 answers will give a more focussed account where the person and ministry of Jesus will be more central to the account. There will be less narration of the two signs and instead expect allusions to the narrative to illustrate. Expect reference to the symbolism of the suffering and death of Jesus, though explanation may be limited.

Level 6-7 answers will focus on the person and ministry of Jesus using the text to support the comment. Expect clear explanation as to how the references do, in fact, illustrate the focus.

**(30 marks) AO1**

- (b) **'The signs are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.'**

**To what extent is this the main purpose of the signs in John's Gospel?**

Level 1-3 answers will tend to present only one side. Expect limited evidence of process of reasoning and simple points with limited explanations (e.g. examples form signs to support the view given in quotes).

Level 4-5 answers will either show more process of reasoning or present two views. Expect some justification of the points made in the discussion. (E.g. the alternative view that the main purpose was to show the superiority of the teaching of Jesus over that of Judaism). Again, expect some reference to text though explanation may be limited.

Level 6-7 answers will show clear reasoning and awareness of more than one view. There will be some reflection on the views expressed. There will be an appropriate conclusion. Expect some discussion as to the debate about the quotation (whether it is evangelistic or encouragement to those who already believe) and the phrase "main purpose".

**(20 marks) AO2**