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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 2

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An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles

[AR121]

TUESDAY 15 JANUARY, MORNING



TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

You are advised to take account of the marks for each question or part question in allocating the available examination time.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Give an account of the main arguments concerning the purpose of Acts. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the author of Acts was writing only for a Gentile audience. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain the content and consequences of Stephen's speech in the Book of Acts. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that it was Stephen, rather than Paul, who was prepared to defend the gospel. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Describe the main events of Paul's third missionary journey and their significance. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that mission is not effective in the spread of religious belief. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Explain the importance of the events from Jesus' ascension to the conversion of three thousand people at Pentecost. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that speaking in tongues is no longer important in the church. Justify your answer. [15]

