



ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY (AS)
General Certificate of Education
2014

Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 2

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An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles

[AR121]

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WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE, AFTERNOON

TIME

1 hour 20 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

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 at the end of each question 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.

Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Describe and explain the issues surrounding the historical accuracy of the Book of Acts. [35 marks]

(b) Comment on the claim that the purpose of Acts is theological and not historical. Justify your answer. [15 marks]

- 2 (a) Explain the importance of the role of the Holy Spirit for faith, work and witness in Acts. [35 marks]

(b) Comment on the claim that repentance and baptism are the most important themes in the Book of Acts. Justify your answer. [15 marks]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a)** Give an account of the importance of Peter's healing of the lame man and explain the significance of the speech that followed. [35 marks]
- (b)** With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the relevance of miracles for religious believers. Justify your answer. [15 marks]
- 4 (a)** Describe the main challenges faced by Paul in his three missionary journeys. [35 marks]
- (b)** With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that religious believers often experience suffering and rejection. Justify your answer. [15 marks]