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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 2

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Selected New Testament Writings:
A Study of Acts, Galatians and 1 Corinthians

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[AR221]

THURSDAY 19 MAY, MORNING

Time

2 hours, plus your additional time allowance.

Instructions to Candidates

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.

Answer **two** questions from Section A and answer the compulsory question in Section B.

Information for Candidates

The total mark for this paper is 150.

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 **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a)** Analyse the significance of the arrival, arrest and speeches of Paul in Jerusalem. [30 marks]

(b) Critically evaluate the claim that Christians must defend the gospel in the modern world regardless of the consequences. [20 marks]
- 2 (a)** With reference to the speeches at Pisidian Antioch and Athens, explain how Paul persuaded his Jewish and Gentile audiences of the truth he was proclaiming. [30 marks]

(b) With reference to Acts and the Letters, critically assess the view that Paul's only goal was to both defend and protect the Church. [20 marks]
- 3 (a)** With reference to Galatians, present the case for and discuss the view that central to Paul's teaching is justification by grace, through faith. [30 marks]

(b) Critically assess the claim that when Acts and Paul's Letters are compared, the two presentations of Paul are very different. [20 marks]

4 (a) Analyse the reasons for and discuss Paul's guidance to the Corinthian Church in relation to worship and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. [30 marks]

(b) "The teaching of Paul to the Corinthians is vital for Christians today."

Critically assess this view. [20 marks]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Religious Controversy

You **must** answer this question

- 5 (a)** With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, examine the significance of some key ideas in relation to religious controversy. [30 marks]
- (b)** “Religious controversy makes religion look weak and unattractive.”

Critically assess this view. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer.
[20 marks]

