



**GCE A level**

558/01

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 8**  
**Studies in The New Testament**

A.M. MONDAY, 16 June 2008

1½ hours

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

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

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

All questions carry 25 marks. The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all questions.

*Answer two questions*

1. (a) Explain, with examples from the gospels, what is meant by form criticism. [15]  
(b) 'Form criticism has contributed nothing valuable to the interpretation of the gospels.'  
Assess this view. [10]
  
2. (a) Describe how the Church was established in the Gentile world in New Testament times. [15]  
(b) 'The New Testament is biased towards the Gentiles.'  
Evaluate this statement in the light of the passages you have studied. [10]
  
3. (a) Explain the teaching about the observance of the Law in the New Testament passages you have studied. [15]  
(b) 'New Testament teaching about the Law has no relevance for Christians today.'  
Assess this view. [10]