



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2010

Religious Studies

RST3E

Unit 3E New Testament

Friday 11 June 2010 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.
- You may use a Bible that includes 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.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- In each question, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **two** questions.

Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1 The context of John's Gospel

0 1 Examine the relationship between John's Gospel and the synoptic gospels. (30 marks)

and

0 2 'The theory that John's Gospel is dependent on one or more of the synoptic gospels raises more problems than it solves.'

Assess this claim. (20 marks)

Question 2 The nature, role and purpose of the discourses in John's Gospel

0 3 Examine the nature and purpose of the discourses in John's Gospel with reference to the discourse 'I am the Light of the World' (John 8¹²⁻¹⁹ and 9¹⁻⁴¹). (30 marks)

and

0 4 'The issues in the discourses have no relevance for people today.'

Assess this claim. (20 marks)

Question 3 The nature, role and purpose of signs in John's Gospel

0 5 Examine John's portrayal of Jesus and his ministry with reference to the sign 'Water into Wine' (John 2¹⁻¹¹). (30 marks)

and

0 6 'John was concerned to present the signs as historical events.'

To what extent do you agree? (20 marks)

Question 4 The nature, role and purpose of the passion and resurrection narratives

0 7 Examine the purpose of John's resurrection narrative. (30 marks)

and

0 8 'John's Gospel is more interested in the death of Jesus than in the resurrection.'

Assess this claim. (20 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS