



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
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Religious Studies

RST3E

Unit 3E New Testament

Monday 13 June 2011 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 how John's Gospel draws from both a Greek and a Jewish background. (30 marks)

and

0 2 'A knowledge of the Greek and Jewish backgrounds is essential for an understanding of John's Gospel.'
How far do you agree? (20 marks)

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

0 3 Examine John's portrayal of Jesus and his ministry with reference to the following **two** discourses:

- 'I am the Bread of Life' (John 6³⁰⁻⁵⁸)
- 'I am the True Vine' (John 15¹⁻¹⁷).

(30 marks)

and

0 4 'The discourses tell us little about the person of Jesus since they are John's interpretation.'
Assess this claim. (20 marks)

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

0 5 Examine the nature of signs with reference to any **two** signs in John's Gospel. (30 marks)

and

0 6 'An understanding of Christian theology is necessary in order to understand the signs in John's Gospel.'
Assess this claim. (20 marks)

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

0 7 Examine the nature **and** purpose of John's passion narrative (John 18–19). *(30 marks)*

and

0 8 'John's passion narrative contains little that is historical fact.'

Assess this claim.

(20 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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