



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## Religious Studies

## RSS07

Unit G New Testament

Wednesday 16 May 2012 9.00 am to 10.15 am

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 8-page answer book.
- You may use a Bible that includes the Apocrypha.

**Time allowed**

- 1 hour 15 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 RSS07.
- 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 90.
- 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.

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Answer **two** questions.

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

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**Question 1 How the synoptic gospels came into being**

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Examine why:

- the synoptic gospels were committed to writing
- the writers edited material as they wrote the synoptic gospels. (30 marks)

and

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'It is an advantage to have three similar gospels rather than just one gospel.'

Assess this claim. (15 marks)

**Question 2 Aspects of Jesus' teaching and action, parables and healings**

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Examine the purpose of parables with reference to the Parable of the Tenants in the Vineyard. (30 marks)

and

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'The parables of Jesus cannot be fully understood in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.'

Assess this claim. (15 marks)

**Question 3 The arrest, trial and death of Jesus**

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Examine the main differences between Mark's account and Luke's account of Jesus' crucifixion and death. (30 marks)

and

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'The accounts of Jesus' crucifixion and death are not historically reliable.'

Assess this claim. (15 marks)

**Question 4 The resurrection of Jesus**

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Explain what Matthew and Luke teach about the person of Jesus in their accounts of the resurrection. (30 marks)

and

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'The resurrection accounts are either historical or symbolic. They cannot be both.'

How far do you agree? (15 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**