



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2012

Religious Studies

RST3E

Unit 3E New Testament

Thursday 31 May 2012 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 ways in which John's Gospel was a response to the situation and needs of the Early Church. *(30 marks)*

and

0 2 'Knowledge of the background to John's Gospel is irrelevant to an understanding of its message.'

Assess this claim. *(20 marks)*

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

0 3 Examine the purpose of the discourses in John's Gospel. *(30 marks)*

and

0 4 'The discourses are not Jesus' words; they are interpretations of his teaching.'

How far do you agree? *(20 marks)*

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

0 5 Examine the purpose of signs in John's Gospel with particular reference to the Crippled Man (John 5¹⁻¹⁸). *(30 marks)*

and

0 6 'People at the time would have understood the signs as John did.'

Assess this claim. *(20 marks)*

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

0 7 Examine the portrayal of Jesus and his ministry in John's resurrection narrative. *(30 marks)*

and

0 8 'In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as purely human in the passion narrative but purely divine in the resurrection narrative.'

Assess this view. *(20 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS