



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Level Examination  
June 2013

## Religious Studies

## RST3E

### Unit 3E New Testament

Thursday 6 June 2013 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.  
Each question has **two** parts.
- 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.

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

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**Question 1 The context of John's Gospel**

**0 1** Explain the evidence to support the view that John's Gospel was dependent on one or more of the synoptic gospels. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 2** 'The argument that John's Gospel was dependent on one or more of the synoptic gospels has more strengths than weaknesses.'

Assess this claim. *(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 discourses:

- 'I am the Good Shepherd' (John 10<sup>11-18</sup>)
- 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life' (John 14<sup>1-7</sup>). *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 4** 'It is possible for modern readers to understand the discourses only if they have a knowledge of Christian theology.'

To what extent do you agree? *(20 marks)*

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

**0 5** Examine the nature of signs in John's Gospel with particular reference to the Feeding of the Five Thousand (John 6<sup>1-15</sup>). *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 6** 'There was no good reason for John to use signs in his 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 the resurrection narrative in John 20-21. *(30 marks)*

**and**

**0 8** 'John teaches that salvation is possible only because of the resurrection.'

Assess this claim.

*(20 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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