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## Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 2

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Selected New Testament Writings:

A Study of Acts, Galatians and

1 Corinthians

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[AR221]

THURSDAY 14 MAY, MORNING

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### TIME

2 hours, plus your additional time allowance.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.

Answer **two** questions from Section A and answer the compulsory question in Section B.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions. Figures in brackets printed at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

### ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

You are advised to take account of the marks for each question or part question in allocating the available examination time.

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## Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) Outline and explain the issues surrounding the abrupt ending of the Book of Acts. [30 marks]  
  
(b) Critically evaluate the claim that the main concern in the final chapters of Acts is to prove that Paul is innocent of the charges against him. [20 marks]
  
- 2 (a) Analyse and discuss the reasons for the Council of Jerusalem, its proceedings and outcome. [30 marks]  
  
(b) “The acceptance of Gentiles into the Church, was without doubt, the greatest challenge faced by the early Church.”  
  
With reference to Acts and the Letters, critically assess this view. [20 marks]
  
- 3 (a) Discuss the reasons for and importance of Paul’s defence of his authority and apostleship as found in Galatians. [30 marks]  
  
(b) Critically assess the claim that Paul’s views on the law and grace have little relevance for today. [20 marks]

- 4 (a)** Examine the purpose of 1 Corinthians with particular reference to Paul's teaching on marriage and immorality. [30 marks]
- (b)** Critically assess the view that Paul's teachings in 1 Corinthians are regarded by Christians today as outdated and impractical. [20 marks]

## Section B

### Synoptic Assessment

#### Theme: Religious Controversy

You **must** answer this question

- 5 (a)** With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, examine the significance of some key people in relation to religious controversy. [30 marks]
- (b)** Critically assess the claim that the main responsibility of religious leaders is to resolve religious controversy. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20 marks]