

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE UNIT  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

New Testament 1

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Afternoon

Time: 1 hour

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages)



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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided in the answer booklet.
- Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.
- If you use extra sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the answer booklet.
- Answer **two** questions, one from each part. Answer questions from **one** alternative only.
- Do **not** answer two questions from the same part.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The quality of your written communication will be taken into account.

This document consists of **4** printed pages.

Answer questions from **one** Alternative only.

**Alternative A – The Early Church**

Answer **two** questions, **one** from Part 1 and **one** from Part 2.

**Part 1**

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 1 (a) Explain how the events in Acts 13–19 show the author’s purpose. [33]  
(b) How successful was the author of Acts in showing that salvation is universal? [17]
- 2 (a) Describe and explain the significant features of the encounter between Paul and the Jews in Thessalonica. [33]  
(b) To what extent was Paul responsible for Jewish hostility towards himself? [17]
- 3 (a) Explain the issues raised by the different accounts of Paul’s visit to Jerusalem in Acts 15 and in Galatians 2. [33]  
(b) ‘The Jerusalem Council solved the problem of gentiles and the Law.’ Discuss. [17]

**Part 2**

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 4 (a) Describe and explain Paul’s encounter with Bar Jesus (Elymas) the magician. [33]  
(b) ‘The Holy Spirit, not Paul, converted people.’ Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a) Describe and explain the significant features of the riot of the Silversmiths at Ephesus. [33]  
(b) ‘The worship of Pagan gods presented Paul with his greatest challenge.’ Discuss. [17]
- 6 (a) Describe and explain the events which resulted in the conversion of the jailer at Philippi. [33]  
(b) Assess the success of Paul’s visit to Philippi. [17]

Answer questions from **one** Alternative only.

**Alternative B – The Gospels.**

Answer **two** questions, **one** from Part 1 and **one** from Part 2.

**Part 1**

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 7 (a) From Mark's gospel describe and explain the events in the Garden of Gethsemane. [33]  
 (b) 'In Mark's gospel all of Jesus' disciples failed him.' Discuss. [17]
- 8 (a) Describe and explain how Mark shows Jesus to be alone and abandoned at his crucifixion. [33]  
 (b) 'Mark's account of the crucifixion places too much emphasis on Jesus' physical suffering.' Discuss. [17]
- 9 (a) Explain why the Sabbath was an important issue in the gospel accounts of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. [33]  
 (b) 'The accounts of the burial of Jesus are probably fiction.' Discuss. [17]

**Part 2**

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 10 (a) Describe and explain the significant features of the Jewish trial of Jesus in John's gospel. [33]  
 (b) 'John's account of the trial shows that the Jews were too weak to be a threat to Jesus.' Discuss. [17]
- 11 (a) From John's gospel describe and explain the significant features of one resurrection appearance to the disciples. [33]  
 (b) How effective are the resurrection stories as teachings about eternal life? [17]
- 12 (a) Describe and explain the resurrection appearances to women in the gospels of Mark and John. [33]  
 (b) 'The women were the most reliable witnesses of the resurrection.' Discuss. [17]

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