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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 2

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An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles

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TUESDAY 17 JANUARY, MORNING



TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.
Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.
Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages 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 **one** question from Section A.

- 1 (a) Describe the main arguments for the dating of the Book of Acts. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the main purpose of Acts was to provide an accurate account of the growth of the Church. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Describe and explain the importance of Peter's miracles for the spread of the Christian faith. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that Peter's role as disciplinarian hindered the spread of the Gospel. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B.

- 3 (a) Give an account of Paul's conversion and its impact on the Early Church in Acts. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that society often finds it difficult to accept religious conversions as genuine. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Explain the role of the Holy Spirit in baptism and preaching within Acts. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that the Holy Spirit is essential to the life of the Church. Justify your answer. [15]

