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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

[AR221]

WEDNESDAY 16 MAY, MORNING



TIME

2 hours.

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 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.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) Analyse the reasons for Paul's transfer to Caesarea and his treatment by Felix, Festus and Agrippa. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that Paul's approach to spreading the gospel is too challenging for Christians today. [20]
- 2 (a) Analyse the content and responses to Paul's speech at Pisidian Antioch. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that the Council of Jerusalem was central to ensuring that the Church did not become a Jewish sect. [20]
- 3 (a) Outline and examine Paul's defence of his authority and the gospel as found in Galatians. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that legalism and false teaching continue to be a threat to the Church. [20]
- 4 (a) Identify and consider the purpose and main themes of 1 Corinthians. [30]
- (b) "The portrayal of Paul in his Letters is very different from the Paul presented in Acts." Critically assess this view. [20]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Religious Controversy

You **must** answer this question

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

