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## Religious Studies

### Assessment Unit AS 2

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An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles

[AR121]

THURSDAY 31 MAY, MORNING

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#### 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) Give an account of the debate concerning the authorship of Acts. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that a study of the sources of Acts is essential for an understanding of its content. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Describe and explain Philip's encounter with the Ethiopian. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that Stephen and Philip played an equally important role in the spread of the Gospel. Justify your answer. [15]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B.

- 3 (a) Explain the challenges faced by Paul on his first missionary journey. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that defending religious belief should always be a priority for the believer. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Describe the teaching and practice of baptism, prayer and possessions in the life of the Church in Acts. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that religious practice has lost its importance for believers. Justify your answer. [15]

