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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 2

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An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles

[AR121]

THURSDAY 13 JUNE, AFTERNOON



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) Explain why a study of the characteristics of Acts is important for an understanding of this Book. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the most important of Luke's sources are the "we" passages. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Give an account of the main challenges faced by Paul during his second missionary journey in Philippi, Athens and Corinth. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that without Paul the gospel message would have spread throughout the Roman Empire anyway. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Describe the role and significance of Peter's work as an evangelist in the Book of Acts. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that Christian evangelism has no place in the secular world. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) With reference to specific examples, explain the significance of miracles in the Book of Acts. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that miracles cannot be taken seriously in a world dominated by science. Justify your answer. [15]

