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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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WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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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) Explain the arguments surrounding the authorship of Acts with particular reference to the significance of the “we” passages. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the only purpose of the author of Acts was to defend Christianity. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) With particular reference to his speech, explain the role and importance of Stephen in the Book of Acts. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the martyrdom of Stephen was the most important event in Acts. Justify your answer. [15]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain the significance of the main events of Paul’s first missionary journey, paying particular attention to his preaching to the Jews. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that religious believers now find it easier to deal with opposition to the gospel message. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) With particular reference to “speaking in tongues” explain the significance of events at Pentecost and their impact for the growth of the Church in Acts. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that the gifts of the Spirit are central to the life and mission of the Church. Justify your answer. [15]

