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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 2  
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An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles



AR121

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**WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE, 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) "Attitudes to the Romans are key in determining the dating of the Book of Acts."  
With particular reference to this statement, explain the arguments surrounding the dating of Acts. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the sources Luke used in Acts are unimportant for the Christian reader. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain the role and importance of Philip with particular reference to his encounter with the Ethiopian official. [35]
- (b) Comment on the view that the success of Philip was the most important missionary event in the early Church. Justify your answer. [15]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Give an account of the significance of Paul's conversion and his role as an evangelist in Acts. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that all forms of religious conversion are often treated with suspicion. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Explain the importance of Peter's miracles in the spread of the Christian faith with particular reference to the healing of Aeneas and Dorcas (Tabitha). [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that people are now less likely to believe in miracles. Justify your answer. [15]

