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# Religious Studies

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



AR121

**[AR121]**

**THURSDAY 18 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) "The Book of Acts was written for both religious and historical reasons."  
With reference to this quotation, explain how this is seen in the Book of Acts. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the guidance of the Holy Spirit was the most important factor in the spread of the gospel. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) With particular reference to his contact with Pagans, explain the challenges that Paul faced on his third missionary journey. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that Paul's main aim in the Book of Acts was to correct false teaching. Justify your answer. [15]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) With particular reference to the story of Ananias and Sapphira, explain the importance of Peter's role as a leader and a disciplinarian in the early Church. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that strong religious leadership is necessary to defend faith in a secular world. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) With particular reference to the significance of the appointment of the Seven, explain church life and organisation in the early chapters of Acts. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that organised religious practice is necessary to support religious belief. Justify your answer. [15]

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