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General Certificate of Education

2017

Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 2

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Selected New Testament Writings:
A Study of Acts, Galatians and
1 Corinthians



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MONDAY 19 JUNE, AFTERNOON

TIME

2 hours.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **two** questions from Section A and answer the compulsory question in Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.

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.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) Analyse the reasons for the inclusion in Acts of Paul's appearances before Felix, Festus and Agrippa. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that the ending of the Book of Acts is very disappointing. [20]
- 2 (a) With reference to the speech at Miletus, explain how Paul tried to encourage, warn and protect the Church. [30]
- (b) "Paul's care and self-sacrifice for the churches he established are a wonderful example for Christians today."
With reference to Acts and the Letters, critically assess this view. [20]
- 3 (a) Explain why the Letter to the Galatians was written and discuss its main themes. [30]
- (b) "Christian freedom is not possible."
Critically assess this claim in relation to the relevance of Galatians in the modern world. [20]
- 4 (a) With reference to 1 Corinthians, analyse the reasons for Paul's teaching on spiritual gifts. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that Paul's teaching on the resurrection was the most important of all his teachings. [20]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Religious Controversy

You **must** answer this question

- 5 (a) With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, examine the significance of some key people in relation to religious controversy. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that religious controversy has only led to suffering and conflict. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
