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# 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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**[AR221]**

**TUESDAY 5 JUNE, MORNING**

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## 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) "Paul was a missionary, a leader and a hero."

With reference to selected passages, discuss this description of Paul in relation to the journey to Rome. [30]

- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that the challenge of the gospel reaching the ends of the earth is still ongoing. [20]

- 2 (a) Analyse the reasons for and discuss what happened at the Council of Jerusalem. [30]

- (b) Critically assess the view that this Council was the most significant event for the growth of the Church. [20]

- 3 (a) Discuss how Paul defended his authority and the gospel in the opening chapters of Galatians. [30]

- (b) With reference to Acts and the Letters, critically assess the claim that Paul was highly successful at presenting speeches and arguments to persuade his audience. [20]

- 4 (a) Analyse the reasons for and discuss Paul's teaching on unity and lawsuits as found in Corinthians. [30]

- (b) "The teaching of Paul to the Corinthians on sexual morality is totally irrelevant for Christians today."

Critically evaluate this view. [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 major issues which have led to religious controversy. [30]

**(b)** “While religion often leads to controversy, it is not very good at resolving it.”

Critically assess this claim. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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