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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



AR221

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TUESDAY 5 JUNE, MORNING

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]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER

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