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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 2

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An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles



SRE21

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**THURSDAY 18 MAY, MORNING**

## 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 part question in allocating the available examination time.

## Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A.

**1 (a)** With reference to evidence from the text, examine the arguments surrounding the reasons for the writing of Acts. [25]

**(b)** "The Book of Acts provides an accurate account of the work of the leaders in the early Church."

Evaluate the truth of this view. Justify your answer. [25]

**2 (a)** With reference to the text, discuss the significance and importance of the Pentecost event in Acts. [25]

**(b)** Explore the view that preaching was more important than miracles in the spread of the Gospel. Justify your answer. [25]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

**3 (a)** “The Gospel was first preached to the Jews and then rejected by them.”

How is this quotation reflected in Paul’s first missionary journey?

[25]

**(b)** With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that religious belief should be a private matter. Justify your answer.

[25]

**4 (a)** Examine the role of Philip in Acts and consider his importance for the spread of the Christian message.

[25]

**(b)** With reference to other aspects of human experience, to what extent do sacred texts always have a positive impact on the lives of religious believers? Justify your answer.

[25]

