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Religious Studies

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



SRE21

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THURSDAY 16 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) Explain the significance of the events on the day of Pentecost for the first followers of Jesus. [25]

(b) “Preaching and proclamation are the main characteristics of Acts.”
Evaluate this claim. Justify your answer. [25]

2 (a) “Stephen’s speech to the Sanhedrin was a condemnation of Judaism.”
Examine this statement. [25]

(b) Comment on the claim that the martyrdom of Stephen was central to the universal mission of the Church. Justify your answer. [25]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

3 (a) With reference to the text, discuss the importance of Paul's conversion. [25]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, to what extent is mission crucial to the spread of religious belief? Justify your answer. [25]

4 (a) In what ways do the "we" passages inform the reader about the authorship of Acts? [25]

(b) "Defending religious belief and practice in a hostile world is an ongoing challenge for the Christian Church."
With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore this claim.
Justify your answer. [25]

