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Religious Studies

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

[SRE21]

THURSDAY 18 MAY, MORNING



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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]

