

General Certificate of Education
June 2007
Advanced Level Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 8 Studies in the New Testament

RS08

Wednesday 13 June 2007 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- a 12-page answer book.

You are permitted the use of a Bible, which may include the Apocrypha.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is RS08.
- Answer **two** questions.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Examine what is learnt about the person and work of Jesus from the following **two** signs:
The Healing of the Officer's son (John 4⁴⁶⁻⁵⁴), and
The Crippled Man (John 5¹⁻¹⁸). *(20 marks)*
- (b) (i) Examine the use of symbolism in John's account of **one** sign **not** discussed in part (a).
- (ii) 'John was more interested in symbolism than in historical accuracy.'
Assess this claim. *(30 marks)*
- 2 (a) 'I am the Bread of Life.'
'I am the Light of the World.'
Explain what these sayings reveal about the person and the work of Jesus. *(20 marks)*
- (b) (i) Examine the contribution of modern scholarship to the understanding of the saying 'I am the Good Shepherd'.
- (ii) Assess the claim that the imagery of these **three** 'I am' sayings is irrelevant to 21st century readers. *(30 marks)*
- 3 (a) Examine John's purposes in writing the Resurrection Narrative. *(20 marks)*
- (b) (i) Examine the ways in which John portrays Jesus as human in the Passion Narrative.
- (ii) Assess the view that, in John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as purely human in the Passion Narrative, but purely divine in the Resurrection Narrative. *(30 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS