



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Level Examination  
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## Religious Studies

## RST3E

### Unit 3E New Testament

**Monday 13 June 2011 9.00 am to 10.30 am**

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

You may use a Bible that includes the Apocrypha.

**Time allowed**

- 1 hour 30 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use black ink or black 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 RST3E.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

**Information**

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- In each question, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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Answer **two** questions.

Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

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**Question 1 The context of John's Gospel**

**0 1** Examine how John's Gospel draws from both a Greek and a Jewish background.  
(30 marks)

and

**0 2** 'A knowledge of the Greek and Jewish backgrounds is essential for an understanding of John's Gospel.'  
How far do you agree? (20 marks)

**Question 2 The nature, role and purpose of the discourses in John's Gospel**

**0 3** Examine John's portrayal of Jesus and his ministry with reference to the following **two** discourses:  

- 'I am the Bread of Life' (John 6<sup>30-58</sup>)
- 'I am the True Vine' (John 15<sup>1-17</sup>).

(30 marks)

and

**0 4** 'The discourses tell us little about the person of Jesus since they are John's interpretation.'  
Assess this claim. (20 marks)

**Question 3 The nature, role and purpose of signs in John's Gospel**

**0 5** Examine the nature of signs with reference to any **two** signs in John's Gospel.  
(30 marks)

and

**0 6** 'An understanding of Christian theology is necessary in order to understand the signs in John's Gospel.'  
Assess this claim. (20 marks)

**Question 4 The nature, role and purpose of the passion and resurrection narratives**

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 Examine the nature **and** purpose of John's passion narrative (John 18–19). (30 marks)**and**

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 'John's passion narrative contains little that is historical fact.'

Assess this claim.

(20 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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