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Cambridge Ordinary Level

RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)

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Paper 2 The portrayal of the birth of the early church

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No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

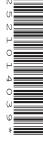
Answer any four questions.

Where there are differences in quotations from the Bible,

NIV indicates New International Version,

RSV indicates Revised Standard Version.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.



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Answer any **four** questions.

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(a) Give an account of a healing miracle performed by

		(i)	Peter and John, and	
		(ii)	Paul.	[6]
	(b)		lain the different ways in which people reacted to healing miracles in the Acts of testles.	the [6]
	(c)	'The	e miracles in the Acts of the Apostles are literally true and happened as recorded.'	
			what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than control of view.	ne [8]
2	(a)	Give	e an account of what happened when Ananias and Sapphira met Peter.	[6]
	(b)	Exp	lain what could be learnt about life in the early church from the Acts of the Apostles.	[6]
	(c)	'The	e spread of the early church only happened because of persecution.'	
			what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than control of view.	ne [8]
3	(a)		e an account of what happened to Saul (Paul) in Damascus following his experience Damascus road.	on [6]
	(b)	Ехр	lain the events that	
		(i)	led Paul to go to Troas, and	
		(ii)	caused him to leave almost immediately.	[6]
	(c)	'Paı	ul took his message to the Gentiles rather than to the Jews.'	
			what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than control of view.	ne [8]

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4	(a)	Give an account of what happened at Paphos on Paul's first missionary journey.	[6]
	(b)	Explain what could be learnt about John Mark from the Acts of the Apostles.	[6]
	(c)	'The first missionary journey was a great success.'	
		To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than opoint of view.	one [8]
5	(a)	Give an account of the debate at the Council of Jerusalem up until the point when Jammade a judgement.	nes [6]
	(b)	Explain the content of the letter which was sent out to the whole church following the deba	ate. [6]
	(c)	'The early church was full of tensions and disputes.'	
		To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than opoint of view.	one [8]
6	(a)	Give an account of what happened when	
		(i) Jason was brought in front of the city officials at Thessalonica, and	
		(ii) Paul was brought in front of Gallio, the proconsul, in Corinth.	[6]
	(b)	Explain why the early Christians met so much opposition from some of the Jews.	[6]
	(c)	'According to the Acts of the Apostles, the civil authorities (e.g. magistrates, city leaders) we friends rather than persecutors of the early Christians.'	ere
		To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than opoint of view.	one [8]

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