
RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)

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Paper 2 The Portrayal of the Birth of the Early Church

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet

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.

- 1 (a) Describe the events up to and including Jesus being taken up into heaven. [6]
- (b) Explain how members of the early church organised themselves. [6]
- (c) 'The early church started because of the Holy Spirit.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- [Total: 20]
- 2 (a) Give the arguments to support the view that the Acts of the Apostles was written before 64 CE. [6]
- (b) Explain why it could be argued that it is important to know who the author of the Acts of the Apostles is. [6]
- (c) 'There is no connection between Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- [Total: 20]
- 3 (a) Outline what happened when Peter and John were first brought to the Sanhedrin. [6]
- (b) Explain why Gamaliel's warning to the Sanhedrin stopped them from putting the apostles to death. [6]
- (c) 'The early church was feared by the authorities at the time.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- [Total: 20]
- 4 (a) Describe what is known about Barnabas and his work in Antioch. [6]
- (b) Explain why Paul encountered opposition in Paphos **and** Iconium. [6]
- (c) 'Encounters with evil spirits helped the growth of the early church.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- [Total: 20]

- 5 (a) Outline the conversion of the jailer after Paul and Silas escaped from prison. [6]
- (b) Explain, with examples, why people responded differently to Paul's message. [6]
- (c) 'Conversion only happens after a person experiences a miracle.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 6 (a) Outline the roles of the Sadducees and the Pharisees in the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (b) Explain why the early church faced opposition from Jewish leaders. [6]
- (c) 'The early church was more interested in the Jews than in the Gentiles.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

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