
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 arguments which might show that the Acts of the Apostles was written between 70 and 85 CE. [6]
- (b) Explain why some might disagree with these arguments. [6]
- (c) 'The dating of when the Acts of the Apostles was written is not important.'
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) Describe what happened at Pentecost, before Peter spoke to the crowd. [6]
- (b) Explain what the Acts of the Apostles teaches about the work of the Holy Spirit. [6]
- (c) 'Without the Holy Spirit, there would be no church today.'
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 the vision of Cornelius **and** the vision Peter had when he was in Joppa. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of Peter's vision in Joppa for the growth of the church. [6]
- (c) 'Peter and Paul were equally responsible for the growth of the church.'
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) Outline Paul's speech to the Athenians. [6]
- (b) Explain why Paul was taken to the Areopagus when he was in Athens. [6]
- (c) 'Paul spoke too much about Jesus' death and resurrection.'
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) Describe what happened when Paul was in Corinth during his second missionary journey. [6]
- (b) Explain why the Jews opposed Paul during his missionary journeys. [6]
- (c) 'Paul's second missionary journey was a complete success.'
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) Give an account of what happened when Paul was in Caesarea during his third missionary journey. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of the word 'we' in the account of Paul's third missionary journey. [6]
- (c) 'Prophets cannot predict the future.'
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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