
RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)

2048/23

Paper 2 The Portrayal of the Birth of the Early Church

October/November 2019

1 hour 30 minutes

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.

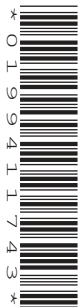
Answer any **four** questions.

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.

- 1 (a) Describe what the Acts of the Apostles say about Judas. [6]
- (b) Explain what the work of the apostles shows about life in the early church. [6]
- (c) 'The early church was more concerned with the number of new believers than with their needs.'
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 the prayer of the believers after Peter and John were released from prison. [6]
- (b) Explain why fear seized the church after Peter's encounter with Ananias and Sapphira. [6]
- (c) 'Christians today could not fulfil the demands made of the early believers.'
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) Describe Herod's persecution of James **and** Peter. [6]
- (b) Explain why Stephen was stoned to death. [6]
- (c) 'Without Stephen's death the early church would not have gained so many new believers.'
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) Give an account of Paul's visit to Lystra. [6]
- (b) Explain what Paul teaches about God in his speech in Pisidian Antioch. [6]
- (c) 'The Jewish authorities caused most of the problems that Paul experienced.'
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:
- (i) Paul's vision in Troas **and**
 - (ii) the conversion that then took place in Philippi. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of the healings in Lydda and Joppa. [6]
- (c) 'Women were important in the development 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]
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- 6 (a) Outline the events that took place in Corinth on Paul's second missionary journey. [6]
- (b) Explain different ways in which the Holy Spirit affected Paul. [6]
- (c) 'The Holy Spirit is not relevant to Christians today.'
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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