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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)**

**2048/23**

Paper 2 Luke and Acts 1–21:15 (Essay Questions)

**May/June 2012**

**1 hour 45 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **five** questions.

Answer at least **two** questions from **each** Section.

Divide your time equally between the questions you attempt.

Your answers should be in continuous prose.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

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



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Answer **five** questions.

Answer **two** questions from Section **A** (questions 1 to 5),  
and **two** questions from Section **B** (questions 6 to 10).  
Your **fifth** question may be chosen from **either** section.  
Each question carries 12 marks.

## SECTION A

### The Life and Teaching of Jesus as Portrayed in Luke's Gospel

- 1 (a) When Jesus' parents took him to Jerusalem as a baby for the purification and presentation ceremony, what happened and what was said? [7]  
(b) What may be learnt about Jesus and his later work, from this event? [5]
- 2 (a) When Jesus visited the synagogue at Nazareth, what happened? [7]  
(b) The people in the synagogue became angry with Jesus. Explain why they reacted in this way. [5]
- 3 (a) Recount what happened when Jesus healed a crippled woman with a bent back. Include in your account the reactions of those present. [7]  
(b) What does this story teach about Jesus' view of the Sabbath? [5]
- 4 (a) Give a brief account of the parable of The Pounds (**NIV** The Ten Minas). [7]  
(b) What was Jesus teaching in this parable? [5]
- 5 (a) Give an account of Jesus' arrest from the time Judas approached him on the Mount of Olives to when Jesus was led away. [7]  
(b) What evidence is there in Luke's Gospel that Judas was not the only disciple to let Jesus down? [5]

**SECTION B****The Birth of the Church as Portrayed in the Acts of the Apostles Chapters 1 to 21:15**

- 6 (a)** Relate the events involving Ananias and Sapphira. [7]
- (b)** What does Acts show us about the daily practices and way of life of the first Christians in Jerusalem? [5]
- 7 (a)** What does Acts tell us about Stephen and his work? [7]
- (b)** How did the Sanhedrin react to Stephen's speech and why did they react in this way? [5]
- 8 (a)** Recount how Peter escaped from prison after he was arrested by King Herod. [7]
- (b)** What else does Acts tell us about King Herod (Herod Agrippa 1)? [5]
- 9 (a)** Describe what happened when Paul visited Thessalonica. [7]
- (b)** What do we learn from Acts about the way Paul conducted his missionary work? [5]
- 10 (a)** Give an account of
- (i)** what the sons of Sceva did,
  - (ii)** what happened to them, and
  - (iii)** the reaction of the people when this became known. [7]
- (b)** What does this story and other stories in Acts teach about evil spirits? [5]

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