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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)**

**2048/23**

Paper 2 The portrayal of the birth of the early church

**May/June 2016**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

No Additional Materials are required.

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**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) Give arguments to support the view that Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles were written by the same person. [6]
- (b) Explain why some argue that the author of the Acts of the Apostles accompanied Paul on some parts of Paul's travels. [6]
- (c) 'A more accurate title for the Acts of the Apostles would be the Acts of Paul.'  
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 2 (a) How is life in the early church described in the Acts of the Apostles? [6]
- (b) What was the dispute about Gentiles becoming Christians **and** what conclusion did the Council of Jerusalem reach? [6]
- (c) 'The reason the church spread was because of the miracles that the apostles did.'  
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 3 (a) How **and** why did the apostles choose the Seven? [6]
- (b) Give a brief account of the work of Philip in the early church. [6]
- (c) 'There was no difference between the work of the Seven and the work of the apostles.'  
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 4 (a) Give an account of what happened in Cyprus on Paul's first missionary journey. [6]
- (b) What was the strategy that Paul developed during his first missionary journey to convert non-believers and encourage new Christians? [6]
- (c) 'Paul's first missionary journey met with failure rather than success.'  
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

- 5 (a) Give an account of the events that caused Paul and Silas to be imprisoned at Philippi. [6]
- (b) What does the Acts of the Apostles tell us about:
- (i) Timothy, **and**
- (ii) Lydia? [6]
- (c) 'It was what Paul did rather than what he said that caused people to oppose him.'  
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 6 (a) What caused the silversmiths' riot in Ephesus? [6]
- (b) What happened in Ephesus that caused some who had practised sorcery to burn their scrolls? [6]
- (c) 'The various healings recorded in the Acts of the Apostles all have natural explanations.'  
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

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