
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

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) Give arguments to support the traditional view that Luke was the author of the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (b) Explain why some people might argue that the Acts of the Apostles was written before 64 CE. [6]
- (c) 'Identifying the author of the Acts of the Apostles makes no difference to its value.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 2 (a) Give an account of what happened to Saul (Paul) during his stay in Damascus from the time when Ananias went to see him. [6]
- (b) Barnabas was known as 'Son of Encouragement'. How was this shown in his relationship with Paul? [6]
- (c) 'The early church had little or no structure or organisation.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 3 (a) What did Peter tell Cornelius about Jesus? [6]
- (b) Why had Peter travelled to see Cornelius? [6]
- (c) 'The work of an apostle is best shown by the life of Peter.'
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 the part played by Paul and Barnabas in the lead-up to, and the decisions reached at, the Council of Jerusalem. [6]
- (b) Explain why Paul and Barnabas later separated. [6]
- (c) 'Paul was more an apostle to the Jews than an apostle to the Gentiles.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 5 (a) Why was Paul summoned to a meeting at the Areopagus? [6]
- (b) In what ways did Paul's speech to the Athenians differ from his usual speeches? [6]
- (c) 'The early church had only one message and that was about Jesus being the fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

- 6 (a) Give an account of what happened in Corinth during Paul's second missionary journey. [6]
- (b) What does the Acts of the Apostles record about the Jew called Apollos? [6]
- (c) 'Persecution and opposition helped rather than hindered the spread of the church.'
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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