



Cambridge O Level

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

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- Where there are differences in quotations from the Bible:
 - NIV** indicates New International Version
 - RSV** indicates Revised Standard Version

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Answer any **four** questions.

- 1 (a) Outline what the Acts of the Apostles shows us about the leadership of the early church before the Day of Pentecost. [6]
- (b) Explain the importance of the Seven in the early church. [6]
- (c) 'Churches should not have too many leaders.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 2 (a) Describe what happened when Saul was in Jerusalem after arriving from Damascus. [6]
- (b) Explain why Paul's work was challenging for some Jews. [6]
- (c) 'The story of Paul in the Acts of the Apostles has much to teach Christians today.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 3 (a) Describe what happened when Peter first arrived in Joppa. [6]
- (b) Explain why this account might have been important to the early believers. [6]
- (c) 'Peter would have been a better leader if he had stayed in Jerusalem.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 4 (a) Give an account of the visit of Paul and Barnabas to Iconium. [6]
- (b) Explain the importance of the first missionary journey to the spread of the church. [6]
- (c) 'Those who have had a conversion experience make the best missionaries.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 5 (a) Outline Paul's teaching about God when he was in Athens. [6]
- (b) Explain why Paul changed his message depending on his audience. [6]
- (c) 'The resurrection of Jesus is the most important teaching found in the Acts of the Apostles.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 6 (a) Describe what led to the burning of scrolls in Ephesus by those who practised sorcery (**RSV** magic arts). [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of evil spirits in the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (c) 'Evil spirits are not relevant for Christians today.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

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