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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)

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

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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

1 hour 45 minutes

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 on both sides of the paper. Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

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

Section A

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

- 1 (a) What did the angel Gabriel say to Mary when foretelling the birth of Jesus? [7]
(b) In response to Mary's questioning of the news, how did Gabriel reassure her? [5]
- 2 (a) Give an account of the miracle Jesus performed as he approached the city of Nain, including what was said, and the response of those present. [7]
(b) What can be learned from this incident about Jesus? [5]
- 3 (a) Compare the attitude and response of the father and the elder son, when the lost son returned in the parable Jesus told. [7]
(b) What does this parable teach us about forgiveness? [5]
- 4 (a) Relate the instructions Jesus gave to two of his disciples as he approached Bethphage and Bethany, and tell what happened when the instructions were carried out. [7]
(b) Why did the disciples react as they did to Jesus' entry into Jerusalem? [5]
- 5 (a) Relate what happened when the Council of the Elders took Jesus to Pilate, before Pilate sent him to be crucified. [7]
(b) How and why did the charges against Jesus differ when he was before the Council of the Elders and when he was before Pilate? [5]

Section B

The Birth of the Church as Portrayed in the Acts of the Apostles Chapters 1–21:15

- 6 (a) Describe the daily practices and way of life of the first Christians in Jerusalem. [7]
(b) Why were Ananias and Sapphira punished? [5]
- 7 (a) Why and how were the seven deacons appointed? [7]
(b) What evidence is there that the deacons did other work in addition to that for which they were appointed? [5]
- 8 (a) Describe the events leading up to the imprisonment of Paul and Silas at Philippi. [7]
(b) What do the events during their imprisonment on that occasion tell us about their faith? [5]
- 9 (a) What did the sons of Sceva do, and what happened to them? [7]
(b) What effect did the treatment they received have on the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus? [5]
- 10 (a) What predictions did Agabus make
(i) at Antioch in Syria, **and**
(ii) at Caesarea when Paul was at the house of Philip? [7]
(b) What do we learn from Acts about the role of prophets in the early church? [5]

