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General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)**

**2048/02**

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

October/November 2006

**1 hour 45 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

**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 **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 message did the angel give to the shepherds when Jesus was born? [7]  
(b) Explain why Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and why this was significant to Jews. [5]
- 2 (a) Give an account of the occasion when Peter was called to be a disciple. [7]  
(b) What did Jesus teach about the cost of being a disciple? [5]
- 3 (a) Describe what happened at the transfiguration. [7]  
(b) What does this event teach about Jesus? [5]
- 4 (a) Relate what happened when the friends of a paralysed man brought him to Jesus. [7]  
(b) What does this story tell us about faith? [5]
- 5 (a) Describe what happened from the time when Jesus appeared to Cleopas and his companion on the road to Emmaus, until he left them. [7]  
(b) What important beliefs about Jesus does this story emphasise? [5]

## Section B

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

- 6 (a) Describe what happened from the time when Peter and John were brought before the Sanhedrin, until they were released. [7]
- (b) What do we learn from this event about why the early Christians were persecuted? [5]
- 7 (a) How does Acts describe what happened to Saul on the road to Damascus? [7]
- (b) What was the importance of the role of Ananias in Saul's conversion and future mission? [5]
- 8 (a) What does Acts tell us about the church at Syrian Antioch (not Antioch of Pisidia)? [7]
- (b) Why did Paul and Barnabas part company after their first missionary journey? [5]
- 9 (a) Relate what happened to Paul and Silas when they visited Thessalonica. [7]
- (b) What can be learnt about Paul's strategy of preaching from his sermon at Athens? [5]
- 10 (a) In his farewell speech to the Ephesian elders, what advice did Paul give them? [7]
- (b) What do we learn about Paul's power and authority, from the incident involving Eutychus? [5]

