

**MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2011 question paper  
for the guidance of teachers**

**2048 RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)**

**2048/23**

Paper 2 (Luke and Acts (1–21:15) Essay Questions),  
maximum raw mark 60

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These detailed notes must be used in conjunction with the level descriptors.

### SECTION A

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

1 (a) Luke 3:7–14

**Key points:**

Brood of vipers/who warned you to flee from coming wrath/produce fruit in keeping with repentance/do not say we have Abraham as our Father/God can raise up children for Abraham from stones/judgement/cut down trees that do not bear fruit/share tunics/share food  
Tax collectors – don't collect more than required  
Soldiers – don't extort money/don't accuse people falsely/be content with pay [7]

**Notes:**

Level 4 possible for full account of what he said to crowd without any reference to tax collectors or soldiers.

(b) Luke 3:15–18

Water/Holy Spirit and fire  
Status of person different/not worthy  
Judgement/burn chaff [5]

**Notes:**

For level 4 some comparisons must be drawn out.

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2 Luke 5:17–26

(a) **Key Points:**

- Jesus' audience
- On roof/lowered the man
- Your sins are forgiven
- Jesus knew what Pharisees thinking – i.e. speaking blasphemy
- Which is easier?
- So you may know Son of Man has authority to forgive sins
- Get up, take mat, go
- Man got up, picked up his mat and went home praising God
- Reaction of crowd

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**Notes:**

Level 3 and above requires words of Jesus.

(b) **Examples:**

- Possible texts include:
- The six woes (Luke 11)/hypocrisy (Luke 12)/the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18)/attitude to Sabbath (Luke 6 & 14)/Law of Moses

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**Notes:**

Level 4 possible by breadth or depth.

3 Luke 19:1–9

(a) **Key Points:**

- Jesus entered Jericho
- Wealthy – chief tax collector
- Short so climbed tree to see Jesus
- Jesus looked up – Zacchaeus come down immediately
- I must stay at your house today.
- Welcomed him in. People muttered – guest of a sinner
- Zacchaeus stood up – give half of my possessions to poor
- If cheated will pay back 4 times
- Jesus said: Today salvation has come to this house, son of Abraham.
- Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost.

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(b) **Examples:**

- Salvation available to all (cf. Luke's universalism) – even a tax collector (tax collectors in 1<sup>st</sup> century – rabbinic view) – Kingdom of God for the marginalized
- Salvation also requires action/change of heart from the person being saved:
- Zacchaeus already wanted to know more about Jesus – was repentant – his conversion marked a complete change of attitude
- Jesus' statement concerning his mission

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4 Luke 11:5–8; 18:1–8; 18:9–14

(a) **Key points:**

- Friend at Midnight
- Persistent Widow
- The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

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**Notes:**

If only one example given then maximum award of 4 marks.

(b) **Examples:**

- Persistence/generosity of God/good gifts/we must want what we are asking for/correct attitude for prayer/tax collector went home justified/not spirit of pride/faith

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**Notes:**

Maximum level 2 if only **one** parable discussed and referred to.

5 Luke 24:13–32

(a) **Key points:**

- Talking on road
- Jesus joins them
- Not recognised
- Cleopas – you not know what happened?
- Suffering, death, risen
- Foolish, prophecy predicted this
- Showed them scriptures
- Stay/broke bread
- Recognised/disappeared

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**Notes:**

Not all mark scheme material required for level 4 answer.

(b) **Examples:**

- Resurrection
- Fulfilled OT
- Death part of God's plan
- Eucharist
- Christ now in glory
- Jesus comes alongside us

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**Notes:**

Two or three points explained would gain a level 4.

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Section B

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

6 Acts 2:1–13

(a) **Key Points:**

- All in one place
- Sound like blowing of violent wind from heaven
- Saw like tongues of fire that separated/rested on each of them
- All filled with Holy Spirit – spoke in other tongues
- Jerusalem filled with Jews from every nation
- When they heard sound – a crowd gathered
- They heard speaking in own language
- Are not these Galileans? How possible we can hear own language?
- Hear them declaring wonders of God
- Amazed – what does this mean
- Some made fun – too much wine they said

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**Notes:**

To go beyond level 2, candidates must refer to wind and fire. Credit any accurate references to the nations/languages described.

(b) **Examples:**

- This very general question gives students an opportunity to discuss what they know about the theme of the Holy Spirit in Acts.
- Candidates might refer to people filled with the Holy Spirit (Peter/Paul) –
- Guides people in missionary work
- Other examples of outpouring of Holy Spirit
- Emboldening in preaching
- Miracles of healing

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Level 4 can be by length or breadth.

7 Acts 9:36–43

(a) **Key points:**

- Dorcas – good deeds and helping poor
- Became sick and died
- Washed and placed in upstairs room
- Peter in nearby Lydda – urged to come
- Sent all out of room/on knees and prayed
- Tabitha get up. Opened eyes sat up
- Shown to all alive

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(b) **Examples**

- Demonstrated reality of power of God (e.g. Lystra)
- Attracted crowds they could preach to
- Authenticated ministry of the Apostles
- Demonstrated love of God
- Opposed power of darkness to release people

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8 Acts 8:26–40

(a) **Key points**

- Told by angel of Lord/desert road/Jerusalem to Gaza
- Met Ethiopian eunuch/official to treasury of Queen
- On way back from worshipping at Jerusalem
- Reading Isaiah in chariot
- Do you understand what you are reading?
- Not unless someone explains
- Philip explained showing it was about Jesus
- Baptised/Philip leaves

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**Notes:**

Level 4 answer need not contain all details in the account.

(b) **Examples:**

- Sense of urgency
- Need for explanation to Ethiopian
- OT scriptures relevant even if not Jew
- Explaining Jesus fulfilled scripture
- Discussed Jesus' death and resurrection
- Baptism
- Right place at right time/God guiding Philip to someone who was seeking

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**Notes:**

Expect the above to be linked to general points about methods of early evangelism.

9 Acts 15:23–29

(a) **Key points:**

- Some went out without authorization and disturbed you
- Troubling your mind by what they said
- It seemed good to us to choose men and send them to you – with Barnabas and Paul
- Men who have risked life for name of Jesus
- Confirming this by word of mouth through sending Judas and Silas
- Holy Spirit guides – No more burden except:
- Abstain from food sacrificed to idols/from blood/from meat of strangled animals
- And from sexual immorality
- Do well to avoid these things

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**Notes:**

All four regulations set out in the letter must be mentioned to secure marks at level 4.

(b) **Examples:**

Gentile controversy – Judaisers and circumcision (15:1) – Paul & Barnabas debated with them – called a council in Jerusalem – growth of Gentile church made this a pressing issue.

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10 (a) Acts 17:22–33

**Key points:**

- Background to Athens – centre of philosophical teaching and discussion
- What is worshipped as unknown is going to be proclaimed
- Explanation about God who made world
- Quote from their poets – we are his offspring
- Therefore not silver or gold image – requires repentance – will judge
- Proof – resurrection

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(b) Acts 14:8–20

Similar

- Points to cultural background
- Refers to God as creator
- God overlooks human ignorance

Different

- Starting point (miracle and the reaction/altar)
- Impending judgement (Athens)
- Refers to resurrection (Athens)
- Measured speech (Athens) as opposed impromptu (Lystra)

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**Notes:**

Maximum level 3 if only discussed similarities or differences.