
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 for the Acts of the Apostles being written between 75 CE and 85 CE. [6]
- (b) Explain why some might disagree with this view. [6]
- (c) 'It is important to know the date of the writing of Acts of the Apostles.'
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 **and** what was said when Jesus met his disciples and was taken up from their sight. [6]
- (b) Explain what could be learnt from the Acts of the Apostles about the work of the apostles. [6]
- (c) 'Paul was the leader of the early church.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 3 (a) Give an account of Saul's experience on the Damascus Road and of his meeting with Ananias. [6]
- (b) Explain how Saul's conversion experience differs from the experience of the Ethiopian eunuch. [6]
- (c) 'The conversions of the Ethiopian and of Saul were of equal importance for 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]
- 4 (a) Give an account of Peter's escape from prison in Jerusalem. [6]
- (b) Explain the reaction of those present in the house of Mary when Peter went there immediately after his escape from prison. [6]
- (c) 'According to the Acts of the Apostles, the Roman authorities were the main persecutors of the early church.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 5 (a) Give an account of Paul's encounter with the sons of Sceva during his stay at Ephesus. [6]
- (b) Explain what could be learnt from the Acts of the Apostles about evil spirits. [6]
- (c) 'It is impossible for 21st century people to understand ideas of evil spirits.'
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 Paul said to the Ephesian elders about
- (i) himself, **and**
 - (ii) the work of the elders. [6]
- (b) Explain what could be learnt from the Acts of the Apostles about Paul's missionary strategy. [6]
- (c) 'Paul's missionary journeys produced more opposition than conversions.'
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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