
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) Outline the arguments in support of the view that the Acts of the Apostles were written between 70 and 85 CE. [6]
- (b) Explain why some would argue that the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles were written by the same person. [6]
- (c) 'It does not matter if we know who wrote the Acts of the Apostles.' Do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 2 (a) What were the reasons for bringing Stephen before the Sanhedrin? [6]
- (b) Explain why Stephen's death was significant for the development of the early church. [6]
- (c) 'Persecution is just as relevant to Christians today as it was for the early church.' Do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 3 (a) Give one example which shows how Peter spread his mission to the Gentiles. [6]
- (b) Explain the arguments that support Peter as the leader of the twelve apostles. [6]
- (c) 'Disputes and conflict undermined the leadership of Peter in the early church.' Do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 4 (a) Give an account of what happened when Philip went to Samaria and met Simon who practised sorcery (**RSV** magic). [6]
- (b) Explain why Peter and John were sent to Samaria. [6]
- (c) 'The performing of miracles and exorcisms was essential for the spread of the early church.' Do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 5 (a) Give an account of:
- (i) Apollos and his background;
- (ii) the roles of Priscilla and Aquila. [6]
- (b) Explain the contribution of Apollos to the spread of the early church. [6]
- (c) 'The Jewish leaders were the largest obstacles to Paul and his mission.' To what extent is this true? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

- 6 (a) Describe the roles of Lydia and Tabitha (Dorcas) in the early church. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of women in the early church. [6]
- (c) 'There should be no dispute about the role of women in the Church today.' Do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

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