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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)**

**2048/23**

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

**May/June 2010**

**1 hour 45 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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**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 at least **two** questions from **each** 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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Answer **five** questions.

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

### Section A

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

- 1 (a) Describe what happened when Jesus' parents took him to Jerusalem as a baby for the purification and presentation ceremony. [7]  
(b) What do we learn about Jesus from this occasion? [5]
- 2 (a) Relate what happened on **two** of the occasions when Jesus was criticised for his actions on the Sabbath. [7]  
(b) What do these events teach about (i) Jesus, **and** (ii) the Sabbath? [5]
- 3 (a) Give an account of the healing of Jairus' daughter. [7]  
(b) What do we learn from this story about faith? [5]
- 4 (a) Relate the parable of the Tenants. [7]  
(b) What was Jesus teaching through this parable? [5]
- 5 (a) Describe the events on the Mount of Olives before the crowd arrived with Judas to arrest Jesus. [7]  
(b) What do these events tell us about Jesus? [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) Give an account of the events involving Simon the sorcerer. [7]
- (b) According to Acts, in what ways were the Apostles changed through the coming of the Holy Spirit? [5]
- 8 (a) What does Acts tell us about the church at Antioch in Syria (not Antioch in Pisidia)? [7]
- (b) What contribution did Barnabas make to the growth of the Christian Church? [5]
- 9 (a) What did Paul tell the Athenians about “the God who made the world and everything in it”? [7]
- (b) What does Paul’s sermon at Athens teach us about the varied approaches he adopted when preaching the gospel? [5]
- 10 (a) Relate what happened at Ephesus when some Jews tried to drive out evil spirits and explain the effect it had on both Jews and Greeks in the city. [7]
- (b) What do we learn about evil spirits from this account? [5]

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