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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

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- Where there are differences in quotations from the Bible:
 - NIV** indicates New International Version
 - RSV** indicates Revised Standard Version

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Answer any **four** questions.

- 1** (a) Outline the choosing of Matthias as an apostle, from after Jesus is taken into heaven. [6]
- (b) Explain what this incident shows about the role of Peter in the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (c) 'It does not matter who replaced Judas as an apostle.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 2** (a) Give an account of the incident involving Ananias and Sapphira. [6]
- (b) Explain what this incident might teach Christians today. [6]
- (c) 'Stories about tensions in the early church should not have been included in the 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]

[Total: 20]

- 3** (a) Describe what happened after Peter had escaped from prison in Jerusalem and the angel had left him. [6]
- (b) Explain the role of Herod in the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (c) 'All Christians should believe in angels.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 4** (a) Describe what happened when Paul and Silas were in prison, from when they were seized until the jailer woke up. [6]
- (b) Explain the importance of Silas in the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (c) 'The mission of the early church succeeded only because of the apostles.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 5 (a) Outline what Paul says about himself in his farewell to the Ephesian elders. [6]
- (b) Explain how this farewell was different to other speeches Paul made in the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (c) 'Paul only ever did what God asked of him.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 6 (a) Outline the early church's strategy in its mission to the Gentiles. [6]
- (b) Explain what Christians today might learn from the missionary work of the early church. [6]
- (c) 'The mission to the Gentiles divided the early church.'
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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