
RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)

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Paper 2 The portrayal of the birth of the early church

October/November 2015

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) What does the Acts of the Apostles relate about the death of
- (i) Judas, **and**
- (ii) Herod? [6]
- (b) Explain how and why the apostles replaced Judas. [6]
- (c) 'The events recorded in the Acts of the Apostles show that God is in control of all events.'
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 the events which happened after Stephen had finished his speech to the council (**NIV** the Sanhedrin). [6]
- (b) Explain why Stephen had been brought before the council (**NIV** the Sanhedrin). [6]
- (c) 'The early church had apostles as its leaders but very little other organisation.'
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 the meeting between Peter, John and Simon (the sorcerer). [6]
- (b) Explain how the account of the Samaritans receiving the Holy Spirit differs from that of the receiving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. [6]
- (c) 'The receiving of the Holy Spirit by the Samaritans was the most important event in 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 what Paul said about Jesus in his speech in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch. [6]
- (b) Explain the different reactions by the Jews to the speech. [6]
- (c) 'In every town, Paul always preached to the Jews first and then, when they rejected his message, he preached to the Gentiles.'
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 and Silas in prison in Philippi up until they left the area. [6]
- (b) Explain what could be learned about Silas from the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (c) 'Paul's visit to Philippi was more of a failure than a success.'
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 Alexander's appearance before the crowd and the town (**NIV** city) clerk in Ephesus during Paul's third missionary journey. [6]
- (b) Explain what caused the riot that led to Alexander's appearance. [6]
- (c) 'Paul could easily have avoided causing conflict at places he visited on his missionary journeys.'
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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