
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) Describe one occasion in the Acts of the Apostles when someone received the Holy Spirit. [6]
- (b) Explain one way that the Holy Spirit empowered the early church. You should include examples in your response. [6]
- (c) 'It is difficult to believe in the Holy Spirit today.' Do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 2 (a) Describe community life in the early church. [6]
- (b) Explain why the whole church was frightened by what happened to Ananias and Sapphira. [6]
- (c) 'Living in the ways of the early church is not realistic for Christians today.' Do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 3 (a) Describe what happened when Philip met the Ethiopian eunuch. [6]
- (b) Explain why the conversion of the Ethiopian was different from that of Saul. [6]
- (c) 'Those who convert to a religion make better believers.' 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 the healings at Lydda and Joppa. [6]
- (b) Explain why Peter's healings were significant in the spread of the early church. [6]
- (c) 'Peter's vision at Joppa was the turning point for Gentile inclusion in 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) Describe one healing performed by Paul. [6]
- (b) Explain the relationship between Paul and the early church in Jerusalem. [6]
- (c) 'The early church grew because of Paul's missionary journeys.' Do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

- 6 (a) Describe what happened to the Sons of Sceva. [6]
- (b) Explain what we learn from the Acts of the Apostles about the practice of magic at that time. [6]
- (c) 'The stories about evil spirits have no relevance to Christians today.' Do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

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