



BIBLICAL STUDIES

Paper 2 The Development of Christianity

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1 hour 30 minutes

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

- Answer **two** questions in total:

Section A: answer **one** question.

Section B: answer **one** question.

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

- The total mark for this paper is 50.

- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A

Answer **EITHER** Question 1 **OR** Question 2

EITHER

- 1 (a) Outline Paul's guidance on going to dinner at a non-Christian's home. [5]
- (b) Examine Paul's teaching in 1 Corinthians 8 and 10 about eating meat sacrificed to idols. [10]
- (c) 'Concern for unity in the Corinthian Church was the main reason for Paul's teaching about food sacrificed to idols.' Discuss this claim. [10]

[Total: 25]

OR

- 2 (a) Describe the account in Acts of what happened on the day of Pentecost before Peter's speech. [5]
- (b) Examine the key points made by Peter in his speech at Pentecost. [10]
- (c) 'Preaching about Jesus was the best way of gaining converts to Christianity.' Evaluate this claim, using examples of preaching from the texts you have studied. [10]

[Total: 25]

Section B

Answer **EITHER** Question 3 **OR** Question 4

EITHER

- 3** (a) Explain the teaching in 1 Peter about the significance for Christians of being God's chosen people. [10]
- (b) 'The teaching about future salvation was the most important part of 1 Peter.' Evaluate this claim. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

- 4** (a) Outline significant aspects of the account of Saul's conversion in Acts 9. [10]
- (b) 'The conversion of Saul was the most important event in the development of Christianity.' Evaluate this claim. [15]

[Total: 25]

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