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2048 RELIGIOUS STUDIES/BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

2048/02

Paper 2 (Luke and Acts (1-21:15) Essay Questions),
maximum raw mark 60

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Candidates are tested on their ability to satisfy two general Assessment Objectives (AOs):

AO1: To recall, select, organise and present material from the text and background information and to use this knowledge to explain the text with understanding. Thus, AO1 is primarily concerned with knowledge, and equates to assessment objectives 1 and 2 in the 2008 syllabus (page 1).

AO2: To employ this knowledge to interpret and evaluate the text by demonstrating the significance of its major themes for religious and moral understanding, as well as the author's particular interests, purpose(s) and use of the material in Luke and Acts. Thus, AO2 is concerned with understanding, discussion and evaluation of the material, and equates to assessment objectives 3-6 in the 2008 syllabus (page 2).

The paper is marked out of 60. Candidates answer five questions valued at 12 marks each. Questions consist of two parts: part **(a)**, which tests AO1, earns a maximum of 7 marks, while part **(b)** (AO2) earns up to 5 marks. Marks are awarded based on levels of response for each AO. There are four levels of response for each AO. A descriptor and the marks available for each level are detailed below.

AO1 (Knowledge)

Level	Mark	Level Descriptor
4	7	Excellent. A thorough, well-developed and substantial response. Demonstrates extensive and highly accurate knowledge of the subject, moving far beyond merely the main points. Likely to quote the text both at length and accurately, often verbatim. Exceptional and thoughtful.
3	5-6	Good. Addresses the question confidently, competently and coherently. Demonstrates sound, quite detailed and generally accurate knowledge of the subject matter. Covers the main points. May quote from the text fairly extensively, and on the whole, quite accurately.
2	3-4	Satisfactory. A fair, mainly relevant but generally undeveloped response. The candidate demonstrates some factual knowledge, which is fairly accurate and slightly wider than at basic level. Some of the main points are covered but lack substance.
1	1-2	Basic. An attempt to answer the question, but lacks potential and/or is unfinished. Very limited knowledge of the subject. Response includes only a small amount of relevant material. Facts are reported in basic outline only, often inaccurately, though some credible points are made.
0	0	Irrelevant. No attempt whatsoever to answer the set question, or the candidate provides a wholly irrelevant response. Totally illegible.

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AO2 (Understanding/Discussion)

Level	Mark	Level Descriptor
4	5	Excellent. Demonstrates a wide and thorough understanding of the subject/set text. Recognises fully and can explain the significance of material. Can reason, evaluate and discuss in a thoughtful, mature manner.
3	4	Good. Understands the significance of the question. Seeks to move clearly beyond a purely descriptive approach, demonstrating touches of maturity and a willingness to engage with and discuss the material.
2	3	Satisfactory. Response is descriptive but offers a little more than at level one. The candidate attempts, though with limited success, to move beyond a purely descriptive approach, with some limited discussion of the material.
1	1-2	Basic. Limited understanding of the subject. The candidate's response is descriptive and immature, with no attempt to discuss or evaluate the material at all.
0	0	Irrelevant. No response submitted, or clearly lacks any understanding whatsoever of the subject matter.

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The following suggested responses act as a guide only. Credit will be given for answers accurate and valid, and marked according to the level descriptors.

SUGGESTED RESPONSES

Section A: The Life and Teaching of Jesus as Portrayed in Luke's Gospel

- 1 (a) Give an account of the angel Gabriel's visit to Mary, to tell her of the forthcoming birth of Jesus.

Luke 1:26-38

Key points:

Mary in Nazareth/pledged to Joseph
 Angel said – you are highly favoured/Lord is with you
 Mary troubled
 Don't be afraid/birth to son/name him Jesus
 Will have throne of David/reign for ever
 Not possible – virgin
 Power of Most High overshadow/son called the Son of God
 Elizabeth also have child/nothing impossible with God
 Mary – I am the Lord's servant

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Notes:

Not all points required for Level 4.

- (b) What do we learn from this account about (i) Mary, and (ii) Jesus?

Examples:

- (i) virgin/found favour with God/special/her acceptance as Lord's servant
 (ii) special/linked to God/future role/Son of God

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Notes:

Maximum Level 2 if only discussed **one** of Mary or Jesus.

- 2 (a) Describe what happened when Jairus asked Jesus to come to his house, when his daughter was dying.

Luke 8:40-56

Key Points:

Ruler of synagogue/fell at Jesus' feet
 Only daughter dying
*[On way woman touched him
 Who touched me/power gone
 Instantly healed/faith healed her]*
 Jairus' daughter dead/don't bother the teacher any more
 Don't be afraid/believe and she will be healed
 Went to house/entered alone apart from Peter, James, John, child's father and mother
 Crowd – stop mourning – not dead – sleeping/crowd laughed
 Child stood up/ate
 Parents astonished/not to tell anyone

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Notes:

Level 4 can be achieved without details of the woman who touched Jesus.

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(b) What do we learn from this story about faith?

Examples:

Belief of Jairus asking Jesus/power going from Jesus/woman's faith/faith healed her/dead therefore no point Jesus going – limits to faith/believe/spirit returned [5]

Notes:

Level 4 possible without reference to woman touching Jesus.

3 (a) Relate the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus.

Luke 16:19-31

Key Points:

Description of each

Both died/different destinations

Request of Rich man for Lazarus to help him

Abraham explains – great chasm/remember how acted on earth

Send Lazarus/warn my 5 brothers

Have Moses/not even if someone rose from dead [7]

(b) What does this parable teach about life after death?

Examples:

Different destinations/earthly life actions relevant to outcome/great chasm/have evidence [5]

Notes:

Expect Level 4 to refer back to text. Two good discussion areas could gain Level 4.

4 (a) Recount two parables about prayer.

Luke 11:5-8; 18:1-8; 18:9-14

Key points:

Friend at Midnight.

Persistent Widow

The Pharisee and the publican [7]

Notes:

If only one example given then maximum award of 4 marks.

(b) What do these two parables teach about prayer?

Examples:

Persistence/generosity of God/good gifts/we must want what we are asking for/correct attitude for prayer/tax collector went home justified/not spirit of pride [5]

Notes:

Maximum Level 2 if only **one** parable discussed.

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- 5 (a) Give an account of the occasion when Jesus was asked about paying tax (tribute) to Caesar.

Luke 20:20-26

Key Points:

Hoping to trap him/to hand him over
 You speak and teach what is right/no partiality
 Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar
 Saw duplicity/show me denarius
 Whose portrait and inscription?
 Give to Caesar what is Caesar's/Give to God what is God's.
 No answer/crowd astonished

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- (b) Explain why they wanted to trap Jesus, and how his answer enabled him to avoid their trap.

Why: blasphemy/authority/challenging Mosaic Law/challenged Messianic expectations/
 evaded previous traps

Avoided: Romans wanted Taxes/Jews did not want to pay/open to charge of
 treason/identified with radical nationalists like the Zealots/obey commands of state and also
 obey commands of God/fulfil your obligations/loyalty to both Emperor and to God. [5]

Notes:

Level 2 if only **one** part of question answered.

Section B: The Birth of the Church as Portrayed in the Acts of The Apostles, Chapter 1-21:15

- 6 (a) Give an account of the events involving Ananias and Sapphira.

Acts 5:1-10

Key Points:

Sold property
 Kept back some and gave rest to Apostles/Satan filled heart
 Lied to Holy Spirit
 Was at your disposal but lied
 Lied to God not man
 Ananias fell down dead
 Wife arrived not knowing about death
 She lied about money/she died

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Notes:

Need both the deaths to be given for Level 4.

- (b) What do we learn from Acts about the daily practices and way of life of the first Christians in Jerusalem?

Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35

Expect devotion to apostle's teaching/fellowship/breaking bread/prayer/miracles and signs/
 shared/sold to give to those in need/met together in temple courts/preached/conversions/
 numbers added

Notes:

Maximum Level 2 if only the sharing aspects of life discussed.

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7 (a) What happened to Saul (Paul) in Damascus after his conversion?

Acts 9:7-25

Key points:

Three days blind/not eat nor drink
 Saul shown Ananias in vision
 Ananias meets Saul/conversation
 Gave sight and filled with Holy Spirit/baptised
 Preached in synagogues/proved Jesus is the Christ
 Threatened/fled over wall

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(b) Explain how Saul eventually became accepted by the apostles in Jerusalem.

Disciples afraid of him/didn't trust motives
 Barnabas tells them of events of Saul's conversion
 Preached fearlessly and debated and had to flee again but was helped to escape

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Notes:

Level 4 requires explanation why he wasn't accepted at the start.

8 (a) Describe the healing of Tabitha (Dorcas) by Peter at Joppa.

Acts 9:36-43

Key points:

Good deeds of Dorcas
 Became sick and died
 Placed in upstairs room
 Peter in nearby Lydda – urged to come
 Sent all out of room/on knees and prayed
 Tabitha get up
 Opened eyes sat up
 Shown to all alive

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(b) A number of other miracles are recorded in Acts. What different effects did at least two of these miracles have on those who saw or heard about them?

Examples include: belief to disbelief, bringing ill people to him to be cured, led to strong faith such that apostles urged to attend even the dead. Seen as gods e.g. Paul's missionary journey
 Examples of opposition they arose: taken before Sanhedrin/thrown out of cities
 Expect some reference to different audience (i.e. Jews)

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Notes:

For Level 4 two different miracles need to be discussed.

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- 9 (a) Briefly describe one occasion when Peter was imprisoned, and one occasion when Paul was imprisoned.

Peter: Acts 4:1f; 12:4f;

Paul: Acts 16:16f

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Notes:

The accounts may not be of equal length. Maximum Level 2 if only one account is given.

- (b) Why, according to Acts, were the early Christians persecuted?

Examples:

Stirred up by Jews/seen as going against laws/seen as speaking blasphemy/jealousy/accusing Jews of guilt for Jesus' death/stopping trade/evil spirits opposing them.

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- 10 (a) Give an account of what the sons of Sceva did, and what happened to them.

Acts 19:13-16

Key points:

What they did: Jews/drove out evil spirits using name of Jesus/whom Paul preaches

What happened: spirits – I know Jesus/Paul/but who are you?

Man with evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them

Beat them – they ran out naked and bleeding.

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Notes:

Both aspects needed for Level 4.

- (b) What does this story teach about evil spirits?

Evil spirits: their existence/recognition of power of Christianity/personalities

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