



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS
General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)

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Paper 2 Luke and Acts 1–21:15 (Essay Questions)

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1 hour 45 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **five** questions.

Answer at least **two** questions from **each** Section.

Divide your time equally between the questions you attempt.

Your answers should be in continuous prose.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.



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Answer **five** questions.

Answer **two** questions from Section **A** (questions 1–5),
and **two** questions from Section **B** (questions 6–10).
Your **fifth** question may be chosen from **either** section.
Each question carries 12 marks.

Section A

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

- 1 (a) Give an account of the visit of the angel Gabriel to Zechariah, to tell him of the forthcoming birth of his son. [7]
(b) What is the significance of John the Baptist for Christians? [5]
- 2 (a) Describe the occasion when Jesus healed a paralytic (**RSV** paralysed man). [7]
(b) Jesus criticised the Pharisees on various occasions during his ministry. Why did he criticise them? [5]
- 3 (a) Describe what happened when Jesus went with Peter, James and John to the mountain of Transfiguration. [7]
(b) What does this event tell us about Jesus and his mission? [5]
- 4 (a) Give an account of the Parable of The Lost Son (**RSV** Prodigal Son). [7]
(b) What does this parable teach about forgiveness? [5]
- 5 (a) Give an account of the events from when Jesus appeared to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus until he left them on that day. [7]
(b) What beliefs about Jesus does this story emphasise? [5]

Section B

The Birth of the Church as Portrayed in the Acts of the Apostles Chapters 1–21:15

- 6 (a) Give a brief account of the events in Acts which involved Stephen. [7]
(b) Why did Stephen's speech to the Sanhedrin provoke such a strong reaction? [5]
- 7 (a) Why did Saul journey towards Damascus? Describe what happened to him on his way there. [7]
(b) What do we learn from this event and what immediately followed in Damascus, about Saul (Paul) and his future mission? [5]
- 8 (a) Why did the Council of Jerusalem meet, and what did Peter say at the Council? [7]
(b) What evidence is given in Acts to suggest that the issue the Council discussed was a problem in the early church? [5]
- 9 (a) Give an account of how the jailer at Philippi came to believe in God. [7]
(b) What do the events at Philippi teach us about the way Paul conducted his missionary work? [5]
- 10 (a) What do we learn from Acts about:
(i) Timothy, and
(ii) Apollos? [7]
(b) What do we learn about Paul's power and authority from the incident involving Eutychus? [5]

