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**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

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**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 to 5),  
and **two** questions from Section **B** (questions 6 to 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) Describe what happened when the angel appeared in the temple to Zechariah. [7]  
(b) What is the significance of John the Baptist for Christians? [5]
- 2 (a) When Jesus was teaching on a level place, what did he say about loving our enemies and those who abuse and ill treat us? [7]  
(b) How does the parable of the Good Samaritan illustrate Jesus' teaching about a Christian's attitude towards enemies? [5]
- 3 (a) Relate Jesus' explanation of the parable of the Sower. [7]  
(b) Why did Jesus use parables in his teaching? [5]
- 4 (a) Describe what happened when  
(i) ten men who had leprosy met with Jesus, **and**  
(ii) a blind man near Jericho called out to Jesus for help. [7]  
(b) What do these two stories tell us about faith? [5]
- 5 (a) Relate what happened when the Council of the Elders took Jesus to Pilate, up to the time Pilate handed Jesus over to the Jews. [7]  
(b) When Jesus was before the council of the Elders, how **and** why were the charges against him different from those made when he was before Pilate? [5]

## Section B

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

- 6 (a) Give an account of
- (i) the choosing of Matthias to replace Judas, **and**
  - (ii) the choosing of the Seven. [7]
- (b) What do these appointments show about the developing life of the early church? [5]
- 7 (a) Describe what happened from the time when Peter and John were brought before the Sanhedrin (**RSV** council), until they were released. [7]
- (b) What do we learn from this event in Acts about why the early Christians were persecuted? [5]
- 8 (a) Why was Saul travelling on the road to Damascus? Describe what happened to him on his way there. [7]
- (b) What do we learn from what immediately followed in Damascus about Saul (Paul) and his future mission? [5]
- 9 (a) Relate the events which led to Peter's visit to the house of Cornelius. [7]
- (b) Explain the significance of Cornelius' conversion for the early church. [5]
- 10 (a) Relate **one** occasion in Ephesus where Paul baptised people in the Holy Spirit and **one** occasion where Paul caused the people to burn their scrolls on sorcery (**RSV** magic arts). [7]
- (b) To what extent was Paul's missionary visit to Ephesus a success? [5]

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