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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) Forty days after Jesus' resurrection, Jesus was taken up from their sight.
- (i) What did Jesus say in answer to the disciples' question concerning restoring the Kingdom of Israel, **and**
- (ii) what did the two men dressed in white say immediately after Jesus had been taken up? [6]
- (b) Explain how the final words of Jesus to his disciples in the Acts of the Apostles were fulfilled. [6]
- (c) 'The 'Acts of the Holy Spirit' is a more accurate title for the Acts of the Apostles.' To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 2 (a) Give an account of the healing of the crippled [**RSV** lame] man at the temple gate. [6]
- (b) (i) Explain why Peter and John were arrested after the healing, **and**
- (ii) when the Sanhedrin [**RSV** council] began to question them, what did Peter say in response? [6]
- (c) 'The church grew and spread because of Paul's missionary journeys.' To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 3 (a) What does the Acts of the Apostles tell us about:
- (i) Sapphira
- (ii) Lydia
- (iii) Priscilla? [6]
- (b) Explain what we learn about the organisation of the early church from the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (c) 'Peter was leader of the church.' To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

- 4 (a) In Paul's speech at the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch on his first missionary journey, what did he say about Jesus' death and its significance? [6]
- (b) Explain how Paul adapted his speeches to suit his situation and audience on any **two** occasions. [6]
- (c) 'The speeches in Acts are accurate accounts of what was said.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 5 (a) Paul and Silas were arrested at Philippi.
- (i) Why were they arrested, **and**
- (ii) what happened when the officers came to release them? [6]
- (b) What does the Acts of the Apostles tell us about Silas? [6]
- (c) 'Paul could easily have avoided all the hostility and persecution that he experienced.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 6 (a) Give an account of what Paul said and did when he met some disciples at Ephesus and asked them if they had received the Holy Spirit. [6]
- (b) Explain how the giving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost differed from other occasions when the Holy Spirit was given. [6]
- (c) 'The message of the Acts of the Apostles is about the death and resurrection of Jesus, not the work of the Holy Spirit.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

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