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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

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet

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) Give arguments to support the view that the Acts of the Apostles gives a reliable account of what happened in the early church. [6]
- (b) Explain why some might disagree with this view. [6]
- (c) 'To understand the Acts of the Apostles you need to have read Luke's Gospel.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 2** (a) Describe the conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch. [6]
- (b) Explain why Philip's work in the early church was important. [6]
- (c) 'The only concern of the early church was to gain new believers.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 3** (a) Describe the content of the letter which Paul and Barnabas took to Antioch. [6]
- (b) Explain the way the relationship between Paul and Barnabas changed over time. [6]
- (c) 'The biggest obstacle to the growth of the early church was the issue of circumcision.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

- 4 (a) Give an account of what happened with the young man in Troas. [6]
- (b) Explain why it was important for the early church to teach about the resurrection of Jesus Christ. [6]
- (c) 'Stories concerning someone coming back to life are not believable today.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 5 (a) Describe what was said **and** done when Matthias was chosen. [6]
- (b) Explain why the appointing of 'the Seven' was necessary **and** how their role was different from that of the apostles. [6]
- (c) 'The way that the early church chose leaders is not suitable for choosing Christian leaders today.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 6 (a) Describe what happened **and** what was said immediately following the healing of the beggar at the Beautiful Gate. [6]
- (b) Explain why Peter and John were arrested following this event **and** why they were released. [6]
- (c) 'Conflict with the authorities was essential for the early church to spread.'
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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