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2048/23

Paper 23 (Luke and Acts (1–21:15) Essay Questions),
maximum raw mark 60

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These notes to be used in conjunction with the level descriptors

SECTION A

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

1 Luke 2:22–38

(a) **Key points:**

Law of Moses/to offer sacrifice/to consecrate every firstborn male/pair of doves or two young pigeons
 Simeon/righteous man/waiting for consolation of Israel/Holy Spirit upon him/Holy Spirit revealed to him that not die before seen Lord's Christ
 Moved by spirit/went to Temple courts
 Took Jesus in arms/praised God/now dismiss your servant in peace/my eyes have seen your salvation
 A light to Gentiles/glory to your people Israel
 Said to Mary/child destined to cause falling and rising of many
 A sword will pierce your own soul
 Anna/prophetess/old/never left Temple
 Seeing Jesus/gave thanks/the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem [7]

Notes:

Level 3 if only Simeon discussed in detail

(b) **Examples:**

Poor family (sacrifice of 2 doves)
 Recognised as Christ
 Revelation to Gentiles
 Cause falling and rising of many
 Linked to redemption of Jerusalem [5]

Notes:

It is not expected that candidates will cover all to gain a level 4. Expect level 4 answers to refer back to text

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2 Luke 6:1–5; 6:6–11; 13:10–17; 14:1–6

- (a) Expect any two of the above
Picking corn/healing withered hand/crippled woman/man with dropsy [7]

Notes:

Lower level 3 maximum for only one covered. Remember that as two are requested then the detail will not have to be full to gain maximum marks

(b) Examples:

- (i) Jesus
Lord of the Sabbath
Authority
- (ii) The Sabbath
Doing good
Made for man
The Pharisees had been over rigid and legalistic in their interpretation of the laws governing the Sabbath [5]

Notes:

Level 2 maximum if only one dealt with

3 Luke 8:40–56

(a) Key Points:

Ruler of the synagogue/fell at Jesus' feet
Only daughter dying
Jairus' daughter dead/don't bother the teacher any more
Don't be afraid/believe
Went to house/entered alone apart from Peter, James, John, child's father and mother
Crowd/stop mourning/not dead/sleeping
Laughed/child stood up [7]

Notes:

The account of the healing of the woman with a flow of blood (**NIV** subject to bleeding) is not required for level 4

If only dealt with the healing of the woman with a flow of blood then maximum level 1

(b) Examples:

Belief of Jairus asking Jesus/dead therefore no point Jesus going – limits to faith/believe/spirit returned [5]

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4 Luke 20:9–19

(a) Key Points:

Man planted vineyard, rented it out and went away
 Sent servants at harvest to get some of the fruit
 Beaten and sent away empty handed
 Sent another who was beaten and also left empty handed
 Sent third who was wounded and thrown out
 Sent son – respect him
 This is the heir – let's kill him and gain inheritance
 Threw son out of vineyard and killed
 What will the owner do to them?
 Kill the tenants and give the vineyard to others

[7]

Notes:

A lot of material here and not all is required in order to gain a level 4.

(b) Examples:

Allegory
 Vineyard tenants – Jews, servants – prophets, son – Jesus, Owner – God
 Rejection and death of Jesus
 Corner stone
 Teachers of law/chief priests knew it was about them (v19)

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Notes:

If candidates just list the allegorical aspects without explaining what they teach, then a level 2 should be awarded. It is possible to gain level 4 without reference to the cornerstone/teachers of law

5 Luke 22:39–46

(a) Key Points:

Said to disciples - Pray that you will not fall into temptation
 Withdrew and prayed – Father if you are willing, take this cup from me
 Yet not my will, but yours be done
 Angel appeared and strengthened him
 In anguish, prayed more, sweat like drops of blood
 Back to disciples - asleep exhausted from sorrow
 Why are you sleeping? – pray so that you will not fall into temptation

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Notes:

Maximum upper level 2 if temptation is not mentioned. Level 4 can only be reached if the candidate describes the contents of Jesus' prayer

(b) Examples:

Demonstrates humanity of Jesus: did not want to suffer – clearly exercised by what was about to happen to him - recognised need to pray at times of temptation – could Jesus be tempted? Yet recognised his mission: sought God's will, not his own

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SECTION B

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

6 Acts 4:5–21(a) **Key points:**

By what power/name
 Peter's speech about Jesus and salvation
 Discussion by Sanhedrin
 Could not deny miracle happened
 Ordered to speak no more in name of Jesus
 Judge for yourself if it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God
 Can't but speak of what we have heard
 Threatened but released

[7]

Credit will also be given for material from Acts 5:27–42

Notes:

Peter's reply to Sanhedrin needs to be included for a level 4 answer

Acts 4:1–22(b) **Examples:**

Teaching resurrection from dead against beliefs of some of Sanhedrin (Sadducees)
 By what power or name do you do this?
 Attack on Jews – you crucified – stone you builders rejected
 Salvation nowhere else
 Attracted large following
 Teaching contrary to leaders
 Challenged authorities

[5]

Notes:

Not all mark scheme required for level 4 answers. Need to explain why particular events led to persecution if level 3 – 4 answer. If just listed events then level 2

7 Acts 8:9–25(a) **Key Points:**

He amazed people with his magic in Samaria/boasted he was someone great/acknowledged by all
 This man is the divine power known as the Great Power
 Simon believed and was baptised
 Followed Philip/astonished by the signs and miracles he did
 Peter and John arrive to give Holy Spirit
 Simon saw and offered them money/give me this ability
 May your money perish/because you thought you could buy gift of God with money
 No part in ministry/heart not right before God
 Repent/full of bitterness/captive to sin
 Pray to Lord for me

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(b) Boldness/insight/working miracles/willingness to suffer/freedom/courage

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8 Acts 11:19–30; Acts 13:1–3; Acts 15:1–21

(a) Key points:

Some believers who were persecuted went to Antioch
 Preached to Greeks there
 Many believed
 Barnabas sent to Antioch
 Saw evidence of grace of God
 Encouraged them
 Took Saul there
 Called Christians first at Antioch
 Disrupted by people teaching circumcision
 Council of Jerusalem
 Became base of Gentile mission

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Notes:

Quite a lot of information but it is spread through Acts, so not all material required for level 4

Acts 15:36–41; 4:36; 11:24f

(b) Examples:

Generous supporter of early church/full of Holy Spirit/faith
 Lived up to name of “son of encouragement”
 He introduced Saul to the apostles and convinced them that Saul was sincere
 Could be trusted to handle difficult situations
 He brought in Saul to share in his work amongst Gentiles
 Barnabas brought the matter of circumcision to the Jerusalem Council
 He parted from Paul and went with John Mark and visited Cyprus

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Notes:

Not all required for level 4

9 Acts 17:24–31

(a) Key Points:

Does not live in temples
 Not served by human hands
 Gives life to all and needs nothing
 Sets us in our place so that we would seek him
 He is near each of us
 We are God’s offspring
 Commands us to repent for he will judge the world
 Proved by resurrection

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Acts 17:16–34

(b) Examples:

Started where the people were
 Referred to their own gods
 No reference to Jewish Messianic hope
 Building to climax of Jesus
 Ending on central issue of the resurrection

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10 Acts 19:13–20

(a) Key Points:

Invoked name of Jesus whom Paul preaches
 Seven sons of Sceva were doing these exorcisms
 Jesus I know, I know about Paul, but who are you?
 Man who had evil spirit jumped on them and beat them, they ran away
 Result:
 Jews/Greeks in Ephesus in fear
 Name of Lord Jesus held in high honour
 Those who believed confessed their evil deeds
 Some burnt sorcery books publicly
 Word of Lord spread

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(b) Examples:

Recognised power of name of Jesus only
 Shows authority of Jesus
 Evil spirits spoke
 Had power to attack the Jews
 Controlled people

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