
RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)

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Paper 2 The portrayal of the birth of the early church

October/November 2018

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) Give an account of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, up until Peter's address to the crowd. [6]
- (b) Explain why Peter's address to the crowd, following this event, was important at the time. [6]
- (c) 'The spread of the early church would not have been possible without the events of Pentecost.' To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 2 (a) Relate what Stephen said about Abraham and Moses in his speech to the Sanhedrin (**RSV** the council). [6]
- (b) Explain why it was necessary for him to make this speech. [6]
- (c) 'Speeches were the most effective way of bringing new believers to the early church.' To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 3 (a) Describe what happened to Paul on his way to Damascus before he met Ananias. [6]
- (b) Explain why the Council of Jerusalem was needed. [6]
- (c) 'Paul was not a person of authority in 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) Narrate Peter's vision at Joppa, before he met Cornelius. [6]
- (b) Explain why Peter was criticised by the circumcised believers. [6]
- (c) 'People today find it difficult to believe in visions.' To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

- 5 (a) Outline **two** occasions in the Acts of the Apostles where evil spirits were encountered. [6]
- (b) Explain why healings were an important part of Paul's work. [6]
- (c) 'The performing of miracles in the Acts of the Apostles always led to trouble.'
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 the speech given by Demetrius in Ephesus. [6]
- (b) Explain why the crowd and the city clerk (**RSV** town clerk) reacted differently to Demetrius' speech. [6]
- (c) 'Religion and money don't mix.'
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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