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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)**

**2048/23**

Paper 2 The portrayal of the birth of the early church

**October/November 2018**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

No Additional Materials are required.

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**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 Luke was the author of the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (b) Explain why the 'we' passages are relevant to the reliability of the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (c) 'The Acts of Peter and Paul would be a more fitting title than 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) Describe the receiving of the Holy Spirit at Cornelius' house. [6]
- (b) Explain how the Holy Spirit influenced events in the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (c) 'The Holy Spirit is not as necessary in the church today as it was in 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 Peter's escape when he was put in prison by Herod Agrippa. [6]
- (b) Explain:
- (i) the possible reasons why Herod persecuted the church **and**
- (ii) why he died. [6]
- (c) 'It is impossible to believe in angels today.'  
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 the speech that James gave to the Council of Jerusalem. [6]
- (b) Give arguments to support the view that James was the leader of the Jerusalem Church. [6]
- (c) 'The early church was a united church.'  
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 5 (a) Give an account of the warnings that Paul gives in his speech to the Ephesian Elders at Miletus. [6]
- (b) Explain why Paul was met with opposition throughout his missionary journeys. [6]
- (c) 'Missionaries are a thing of the past.'  
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

- 6 (a) Describe:
- (i) the prediction Agabus made in Antioch **and**
  - (ii) what happened in Caesarea when Paul met Agabus. [6]
- (b) Explain why the slave girl's revelations in Philippi caused trouble for Paul. [6]
- (c) 'Prophecy is an unreliable source of information.'  
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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