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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **four** questions.

Answer at least **one** question from **each** Section.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

All questions in this paper carry 25 marks.

This document consists of **4** printed pages.



**Section A**

Answer at least **one** question from this section.

If you choose question **1**, answer in **one** version only.

*Acts 1- 21:15 and Galatians*

**REVISED STANDARD VERSION**

- 1** Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following, with brief reference to the general context:
- (a) Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37)
  - (b) Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money... (Acts 8:18)
  - (c) For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things... (Acts 15:28)
  - (d) And with him the rest of the Jews acted insincerely, so that even Barnabas was carried away by their insincerity. (Galatians 2:13)
  - (e) But now that you have come to know God, or rather be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and beggarly elemental spirits, whose slaves you want to be once more? (Galatians 4:9)
  - (f) For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. (Galatians 6:15)

## NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

- 1 Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following, with brief reference to the general context:
  - (a) When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” (Acts 2:37)
  - (b) When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money... (Acts 8:18)
  - (c) It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements... (Acts 15:28)
  - (d) The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. (Galatians 2:13)
  - (e) But now that you know God – or rather are known by God – how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable principles? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? (Galatians 4:9)
  - (f) Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation. (Galatians 6:15)
- 2 Discuss the critical problems which arise from a comparison of Acts with the Pauline epistles you have studied for this paper.
- 3 Discuss the date and destination of Galatians.
- 4 Compare Paul’s teaching on the Holy Spirit in Galatians with the role and work of the Holy Spirit as portrayed in Acts.

**Section B**

Answer at least **one** question from this section.

- 5 'Peter was the central figure in early Christian mission.' Discuss.
- 6 To what extent does Paul's teaching on the unity of the Church in 1 Corinthians reflect the problems his readers faced?
- 7 Why was Paul's standing and authority as an apostle attacked, and how did he defend himself?
- 8 Examine the images and ideas the author of Hebrews uses from the Old Testament, and other sources, in his teaching on the person and work of Christ.
- 9 'The Epistle of James is a Jewish rather than a Christian document.' Discuss.
- 10 What problems arose for the leaders of the early Church following the conversion of Gentiles, and how did they resolve them?

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