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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)**

**2048/23**

Paper 2 Luke and Acts 1–21:15 (Essay Questions)

**October/November 2012**

**1 hour 45 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

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

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number 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 **five** questions.

Answer at least **two** questions from **each** Section.

Divide your time equally between the questions you attempt.

Your answers should be in continuous prose.

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

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.



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Answer **five** questions.

Answer **two** questions from Section **A** (questions 1 to 5),  
and **two** questions from Section **B** (questions 6 to 10).  
Your fifth question may be chosen from **either** section.  
Each question carries 12 marks.

### Section A

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

- 1 (a) Describe the events when
- (i) Zechariah was made dumb, **and**
- (ii) when he regained his speech. [7]
- (b) What may be learnt about the person and future mission of John the Baptist from these accounts? [5]
- 2 (a) What happened when Jesus went to the region (**RSV** country) of the Gerasenes and met a demon-possessed man (**RSV** man who had demons)? [7]
- (b) What is unusual about this miracle story? [5]
- 3 (a) Relate **one** parable concerned with rich men. [7]
- (b) What does the parable you have chosen teach about wealth? [5]
- 4 (a) "Is it right (**RSV** lawful) for us to pay taxes (**RSV** give tribute) to Caesar or not?"
- (i) How did Jesus answer this question?
- (ii) How did Jesus answer the Sadducees' question about resurrection and the woman who married seven brothers in turn after each died? [7]
- (b) Why did Jesus arouse opposition from the religious authorities? [5]
- 5 (a) Describe the events and what was said from when Jesus was crucified until the moment he died. [7]
- (b) Why are Jesus' death and resurrection significant for Christians today? [5]

**Section B****The Birth of the Church as Portrayed in the Acts of the Apostles Chapters 1 to 21:15**

- 6 (a) Describe the miracle Peter and John performed at the Beautiful Gate in Jerusalem and the reaction of the onlookers. [7]
- (b) What do we learn about the work of Apostles from the ministries of Peter and John as recorded in Acts? [5]
- 7 (a) What happened when Simon the sorcerer met
- (i) Philip **and**
- (ii) Peter and John? [7]
- (b) How, according to Acts, did the coming of the Holy Spirit change the Apostles? [5]
- 8 (a) Describe what happened when Paul visited Corinth. [7]
- (b) What evidence is there that Paul's mission in Corinth was a success? [5]
- 9 (a) Give an account of the visit of Paul and Silas to Thessalonica. [7]
- (b) What can be learnt from Paul's sermon at Athens about the way he preached to Gentiles? [5]
- 10 (a) Give an account of the events that led to Paul's companions, Gaius and Aristarchus, being dragged into the theatre at Ephesus, and what followed. [7]
- (b) What do we learn from Acts about the role of prophets in the early church? [5]

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