
RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)

2048/22

Paper 2 The Portrayal of the Birth of the Early Church

October/November 2019

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) Outline **three** features of community life in the early church. [6]
- (b) Explain why these features were important to the early church. [6]
- (c) 'Christians today should share everything that they have.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 2 (a) Give an account of what happened at the temple gate called Beautiful. [6]
- (b) Explain why healings in the Acts of the Apostles often caused problems for those who performed them. [6]
- (c) 'The miracles in the Acts of the Apostles happened as recorded.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 3 (a) Describe what is known about Saul before his conversion. [6]
- (b) Explain the strategy that Paul used to spread the church on his first missionary journey. [6]
- (c) 'Paul was more concerned with making speeches than converting people.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 4 (a) Outline Peter's speech at Cornelius' house, after Cornelius had spoken. [6]
- (b) Explain why the coming of the Holy Spirit at Cornelius' house was a significant event. [6]
- (c) 'Peter was the true leader of the church.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 5 (a) Give an account of what happened when Paul met a group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers in Athens. [6]
- (b) Explain why Paul changed his message for the Athenians. [6]
- (c) 'Paul's second missionary journey was a failure.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 6 (a) Describe the roles of Aquila **and** Apollos in the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (b) Explain why baptism was important for the growth of the early church. [6]
- (c) 'All Christians should actively work to bring others to the faith.'
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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