



Cambridge O Level

RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)

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Paper 2 The Portrayal of the Birth of the Early Church

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- Where there are differences in quotations from the Bible:
 - NIV** indicates New International Version
 - RSV** indicates Revised Standard Version

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Answer any **four** questions.

- 1** (a) Give an account of Saul's time in Damascus, after he regained his sight. [6]
- (b) Explain the importance of Barnabas to Paul's ministry. [6]
- (c) 'Paul's conversion experience made his ministry a success.'
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) Outline Peter's explanation to the church for eating with uncircumcised men. [6]
- (b) Explain why the mission to Gentiles divided the early church. [6]
- (c) 'Without Gentiles, the church would have disappeared.'
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:
- (i) Peter's arrest by Herod **and**
- (ii) the angel's visit to Peter in prison. [6]
- (b) Explain what Peter's return to the house of Mary might teach about the early church. [6]
- (c) 'The Acts of the Apostles was not written to be a history book.'
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 two events in the Acts of the Apostles that end with someone being baptised. [6]
- (b) Explain the importance of baptism for the early church. [6]
- (c) 'It is not necessary to be baptised to be a Christian today.'
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) Describe what the Acts of the Apostles says about:
- (i) Timothy and
- (ii) Paul's vision of the man of Macedonia. [6]
- (b) Explain why Paul's visit to Philippi was both a success and a failure. [6]
- (c) 'Paul's missionary strategy would not be successful today.'
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) Give an account of what happened when Paul arrived in Ephesus, including his time in the synagogue. [6]
- (b) Explain why it was important for Paul to warn the Ephesian Elders. [6]
- (c) 'Paul should have stayed longer in Ephesus.'
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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