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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) Describe community life in the early church. [6]
- (b) Explain what Christians today might learn from the lives of the early Christians. [6]
- (c) 'Knowing how the early church lived is more important than knowing what they taught.'
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 **one** occasion in the Acts of the Apostles where an apostle was arrested. [6]
- (b) Explain why the message of the early church often brought trouble to those who delivered it. [6]
- (c) 'Christians today need to be willing to suffer for their beliefs.'
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) Outline the encounter between Philip and the Ethiopian. [6]
- (b) Explain the importance of the Scriptures in the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (c) 'Stories about supernatural happenings should not have been included in 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]
- [Total: 20]
- 4 (a) Outline the debate between the believers at the Council of Jerusalem. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of the Council of Jerusalem in the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (c) 'After the Council of Jerusalem, Paul became the leader of the early 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 Paul's visit to Berea (**RSV** Beroea). [6]
- (b) Explain how Paul's experiences in Berea (**RSV** Beroea) and Thessalonica were similar **and** how they were different. [6]
- (c) 'Paul spent too much time preaching to the Jews.'
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) Outline the role of women in the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (b) Explain why some people think the Acts of the Apostles is not an accurate history book. [6]
- (c) 'Women in the Acts of the Apostles have much to teach Christians today.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

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