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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)**

**2048/23**

Paper 2 The portrayal of the birth of the early church

**October/November 2016**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

No Additional Materials are required.

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**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) Give an account of what Peter said about Jesus to the crowd at Pentecost. [6]
- (b) How does the account of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost differ from that of the giving of the Holy Spirit at Samaria? [6]
- (c) 'If it had not been for Paul, the Gentiles would not have been part 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]
- 2 (a) What led up to Stephen appearing before the Sanhedrin (**RSV** the council)? [6]
- (b) Give an account of what happened to Stephen after he had finished his speech. [6]
- (c) 'Persecution of the early church limited its growth.' To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 3 (a) Give an account of the visions that Peter and Cornelius had that caused Peter to meet Cornelius and to enter his house. [6]
- (b) Explain the importance of Peter's meeting with Cornelius for the spread of the early church. [6]
- (c) 'The early church focussed more on prayer than on preaching.' To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 4 (a) Describe the healing at Lystra by Paul and what happened immediately afterwards. [6]
- (b) Recount the events at Troas that involved Eutychus. [6]
- (c) 'Miracles are not something a 21<sup>st</sup> century person can believe in.' To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 5 (a) Give an account of what happened in Thessalonica on Paul's second missionary journey. [6]
- (b) Explain (i) why the Bereans (**RSV** Bereans) are described as noble, **and** (ii) why Paul left Berea (Beroea). [6]
- (c) 'Paul's second missionary journey could hardly be described as a success.' To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

- 6 (a) What does the Acts of the Apostles record about Agabus and his prophecies? [6]
- (b) Describe the role of deacons in the early church. [6]
- (c) 'Peter rather than Paul was the real 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]

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