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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 the events that led to **all** the apostles being arrested by the high priest and the Sadducees. [6]
- (b) Explain the importance of the apostles to the early church. [6]
- (c) 'The apostles are not relevant to Christianity today.'
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) Describe what Stephen said in his speech to the Sanhedrin (**RSV** council) about the life of Moses. [6]
- (b) Explain why Stephen's speech angered those who heard it. [6]
- (c) 'The Old Testament is still important for today's church.'
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 the disagreement between Paul and Barnabas **and** what happened as a result of it. [6]
- (b) Explain the importance of Paul's companions to his work. [6]
- (c) 'Christians should never have disputes with each other.'
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) Give an account of what happened when the people of Tyre and Sidon met with Herod. [6]
- (b) Explain why the early church was persecuted by the Jews. [6]
- (c) 'Persecution caused the early church to grow.'
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) Outline the encounter that Paul had with the Jews in both Berea (**RSV** Beroea) and Thessalonica. [6]
- (b) Explain possible reasons why Paul went to Athens. [6]
- (c) 'Paul was more successful with Jews than Gentiles.'
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 Paul's farewell to the Ephesian elders. [6]
- (b) Explain why the elders might have been upset by this speech. [6]
- (c) 'Paul is a good role model for Christians today.'
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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