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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) Outline Peter's speech on the Day of Pentecost. [6]
- (b) Explain why Peter made this speech. [6]
- (c) 'The church would not have spread without Peter.'
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 happened after **all** the apostles were arrested, up until they were brought to the Sanhedrin (**RSV** Council). [6]
- (b) Explain why the apostles had been arrested. [6]
- (c) 'Christians should never challenge authorities.'
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) how Philip was chosen as one of the Seven, **and**
- (ii) Philip's work in Samaria, before he met Simon the sorcerer. [6]
- (b) Explain possible reasons why Philip was in Samaria. [6]
- (c) 'Stories about Philip 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) Give an account of Saul's encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus. [6]
- (b) Explain why Saul was travelling to Damascus. [6]
- (c) 'It is important to Christians that Saul's meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus 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]

- 5 (a) Describe what the Acts of the Apostles says about Paul after he left Corinth up until he arrived in Antioch. [6]
- (b) Explain why the Acts of the Apostles might be called an accurate history book. [6]
- (c) 'The Acts of the Apostles has nothing 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]

- 6 (a) Outline Paul's journey from Ephesus to Jerusalem after he left the Ephesian Elders. [6]
- (b) Explain the importance of Paul's journeys in the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (c) 'Paul should have avoided being killed.'
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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