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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 reasons for the possible dates of the writing of the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (b) Explain why some people might think it is important to know when the Acts of the Apostles was written. [6]
- (c) 'Christians should focus on the life and teachings of Jesus rather than the birth of the early church.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 2 (a) Outline the work of Philip in the early church. [6]
- (b) Explain the importance of Philip's role as shown in the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (c) 'Philip is more important in the Acts of the Apostles than Peter.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 3 (a) Describe the visit of Barnabas to Antioch and Tarsus. [6]
- (b) Explain the role of Barnabas in the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (c) 'The spread of the Christian message would not have been as successful without Barnabas.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 4 (a) Describe Paul's teaching in Pisidian Antioch on the history of the Jews before Jesus. [6]
- (b) Explain how Paul tried to convince the people in Pisidian Antioch that Jesus was the Saviour. [6]
- (c) 'It was Paul's speeches, not his actions, that spread the message of Jesus.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 5 (a) Give an account of what happened when Paul was taken to be judged (**RSV** to the tribunal) at Corinth. [6]
- (b) Explain why Paul's actions had led to this incident. [6]
- (c) 'Paul was lucky to have escaped death on so many occasions.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 6 (a) Describe the raising of Eutychus from the dead. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of this passage in the Acts of the Apostles. [6]
- (c) 'The Acts of the Apostles is more about the life of the early Christians than about the growth of the church.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered different points of view. [8]

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