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Paper 2 The Acts of the Apostles

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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

**1 hour 30 minutes**

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.  
If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.  
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.  
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **four** questions.

Answer Question **1** and **three** other questions.

Answer Question **1** in one version only.

You are advised to spend no longer than 30 minutes on Question **1**.

Revised Standard Version of Question **1** is printed on page **2**.

New English Bible Version of Question **1** is printed on page **3**.

Questions **2–8** are printed on pages **4** and **5**.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

This document consists of **6** printed pages and **2** blank pages.



## REVISED STANDARD VERSION

- 1 Choose **four** of the passages (a) to (f) and answer the questions which follow.
- (a) But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, “Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.” (Acts 5:19–20)
- (i) Whom was the angel addressing? Why were they in prison?
- (ii) What happened to them when they obeyed the angel’s command? [7]
- (b) ... but his disciples took him by night and let him down over the wall, lowering him in a basket. (Acts 9:25)
- (i) Who was being lowered in a basket, and for what reason? Where did this incident take place?
- (ii) What city did he travel to immediately afterwards? Why did problems await him there? [7]
- (c) After the reading of the law and the prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, “Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it.” (Acts 13:15)
- (i) In which city was this synagogue? Name the people who were being invited to preach.
- (ii) What effect did their preaching have on that day? What happened on the next sabbath? [7]
- (d) Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked; but others said, “We will hear you again about this.” So Paul went out from among them. (Acts 17:32–33)
- (i) Where had Paul just visited on this occasion? Why did some people mock the resurrection of the dead?
- (ii) To what extent was Paul’s visit successful? [7]
- (e) When we heard this, we and the people there begged him (Paul) not to go up to Jerusalem. (Acts 21:12)
- (i) In what city and in whose house did this incident take place? What is known about the owner of this house?
- (ii) Why did everyone beg Paul not to go to Jerusalem? [7]
- (f) “Today is the fourteenth day that you have continued in suspense and without food, having taken nothing. Therefore I urge you to take some food; it will give you strength, since not a hair is to perish from the head of any of you.” (Acts 27:33–34)
- (i) Who is the speaker here? Describe briefly the circumstances of the people he is addressing.
- (ii) How does he know that none of them will die from these conditions? [7]

## NEW ENGLISH BIBLE

- 1 Choose **four** of the passages (a) to (f) and answer the questions which follow.
- (a) But an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors during the night, brought them out, and said, 'Go, take your place in the temple and speak to the people, and tell them about this new life and all it means.' (Acts 5:19–20)
- (i) Whom was the angel addressing? Why were they in prison?
- (ii) What happened to them when they obeyed the angel's command? [7]
- (b) ... but his converts took him one night and let him down by the wall, lowering him in a basket. (Acts 9:25)
- (i) Who was being lowered in a basket, and for what reason? Where did this incident take place?
- (ii) What city did he travel to immediately afterwards? Why did problems await him there? [7]
- (c) ... and after the readings from the Law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent this message to them: 'Friends, if you have anything to say to the people by way of exhortation, let us hear it.' (Acts 13:15)
- (i) In which city was this synagogue? Name the people who were being invited to preach.
- (ii) What effect did their preaching have on that day? What happened on the next sabbath? [7]
- (d) When they heard about the raising of the dead, some scoffed; and others said, 'We will hear you on this subject some other time.' And so Paul left the assembly. (Acts 17:32–33)
- (i) Where had Paul just visited on this occasion? Why did some people scoff at the resurrection of the dead?
- (ii) To what extent was Paul's visit successful? [7]
- (e) When we heard this, we and the local people begged and implored Paul to abandon his visit to Jerusalem. (Acts 21:12)
- (i) In what city and in whose house did this incident take place? What is known about the owner of this house?
- (ii) Why did everyone beg Paul not to go to Jerusalem? [7]
- (f) 'For the last fourteen days', he said, 'you have lived in suspense and gone hungry; you have eaten nothing whatever. So I beg you to have something to eat; your lives depend on it. Remember, not a hair of your heads will be lost.' (Acts 27:33–34)
- (i) Who is the speaker here? Describe briefly the circumstances of the people he is addressing.
- (ii) How does he know that none of them will die from these conditions? [7]

Answer **three** of Questions **2–8**.

- 2 Why is it generally assumed that the author of Acts was Luke? Include in your answer some discussion of
- (i) Theophilus,
  - (ii) the “we” sections,
  - (iii) medical terms. [24]
- 3 (a) In what ways was the early church threatened by the actions of the following:
- (i) Ananias, the husband of Sapphira, [9]
  - (ii) Simon, the magician in Samaria? [9]
- (b) What part did Peter play in overcoming these dangers? [6]
- 4 Show how the following helped the spread of the gospel to the Gentiles:
- (i) Ananias of Damascus, [6]
  - (ii) Barnabas, [8]
  - (iii) the church at Antioch in Syria. [10]
- 5 (a) What event had occurred in Lystra which led to Paul and Barnabas being called Hermes (Mercury) and Zeus (Jupiter)? [10]
- (b) Give a brief summary of the sermon they preached after being addressed by these names. [6]
- (c) Show how this sermon differed from their usual sermons. Give reasons for these differences. [8]
- 6 During Paul’s visit to Corinth, show in what ways he was helped and strengthened by the following:
- (i) Titius Justus, [6]
  - (ii) a vision, [6]
  - (iii) Gallio the proconsul. [12]
- 7 (a) Describe the three occasions when Paul claimed the rights of Roman citizenship. [18]
- (b) What do these three occasions reveal about the Roman attitude towards Christians at this time? [6]

- 8 (a) Give an account of Paul's two meetings with the leading Jews in Rome at the beginning of his imprisonment there. [16]
- (b) Explain the meaning of Isaiah's prophecy, which Paul quoted to the Jews at the end of their second meeting. [8]





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