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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 page **4**.

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 **4** printed pages.



REVISED STANDARD VERSION

- 1 Choose **four** of the passages **(a)** to **(f)** and answer the questions which follow.
- (a)** “But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to any one in this name.” (Acts 4:17)
- (i)** Who were the speakers here, and to whom were they referring?
What was it that they did not want to see spreading further?
- (ii)** What event had just taken place which caused such concern? [7]
- (b)** And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes and he regained his sight. (Acts 9:18)
- (i)** Who is being described and in what circumstances had he lost his sight?
- (ii)** What other incident of blindness is reported in Acts? What were the circumstances in this case? [7]
- (c)** But Jews came there from Antioch and Iconium; and having persuaded the people, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. (Acts 14:19)
- (i)** Where and why did this stoning take place?
- (ii)** Who else, in Acts, was stoned, and for what reason? [7]
- (d)** And when he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. (Acts 16:10)
- (i)** Describe the vision that is mentioned here. In which town did it occur?
On their arrival in Macedonia which leading city did they visit?
- (ii)** Who were present on this occasion? [7]
- (e)** “‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” (Acts 20:35)
- (i)** What is Paul quoting here, and why is it an important saying?
- (ii)** Where was Paul when he said this? What advice was he giving, and to whom? [7]
- (f)** And Agrippa said to Paul, “In a short time you think to make me a Christian!” (Acts 26:28)
- (i)** At which of Paul’s trials was Agrippa present when he said this? Why was he present?
- (ii)** How did Paul reply to him? [7]

NEW ENGLISH BIBLE

- 1 Choose **four** of the passages (a) to (f) and answer the questions which follow.
- (a) 'But to stop this from spreading further among the people, we had better caution them never again to speak to anyone in this name.' (Acts 4:17)
- (i) Who were the speakers here, and to whom were they referring?
What was it that they did not want to see spreading further?
- (ii) What event had just taken place which caused such concern? [7]
- (b) And immediately it seemed that scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. (Acts 9:18)
- (i) Who is being described and in what circumstances had he lost his sight?
- (ii) What other incident of blindness is reported in Acts? What were the circumstances in this case? [7]
- (c) Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came on the scene and won over the crowds. They stoned Paul, and dragged him out of the city, thinking him dead. (Acts 14:19)
- (i) Where and why did this stoning take place?
- (ii) Who else, in Acts, was stoned, and for what reason? [7]
- (d) After he had seen this vision we at once set about getting a passage to Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to bring them the good news. (Acts 16:10)
- (i) Describe the vision that is mentioned here. In which town did it occur?
On their arrival in Macedonia which leading city did they visit?
- (ii) Who were present on this occasion? [7]
- (e) "Happiness lies more in giving than in receiving." (Acts 20:35)
- (i) What is Paul quoting here, and why is it an important saying?
- (ii) Where was Paul when he said this? What advice was he giving, and to whom? [7]
- (f) Agrippa said to Paul, 'You think it will not take much to win me over and make a Christian of me.' (Acts 26:28)
- (i) At which of Paul's trials was Agrippa present when he said this? Why was he present?
- (ii) How did Paul reply to him? [7]

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

- 2 (a) What strange events occurred on the day of Pentecost before Peter preached his sermon? [8]
(b) How did Peter explain these events in his Pentecost sermon? [10]
(c) What action did the people take after the sermon? [6]
- 3 (a) Give an account of the life and work of Philip in the early church, as recorded in Acts. [16]
(b) What special contribution did Philip make to the development of the early church? [8]
- 4 (a) Recount the story of the miracle Peter performed at Joppa on a woman who was a disciple. [6]
(b) Give a short account of the vision Peter received in Joppa. [10]
(c) In what ways did these two events strengthen and increase the early church? [8]
- 5 What do we learn from Acts about the following people and their contribution to the life and mission of the early church?
- (a) John Mark, and his mother Mary; [8]
(b) Timothy; [8]
(c) Lydia. [8]
- 6 (a) Discuss (i) the religious reasons, [8]
and (ii) the commercial reasons, [8]
which led the silversmiths of Ephesus to oppose Paul and riot.
(b) How was peace restored following the riot? [8]
- 7 (a) Who made up the membership of the Sanhedrin (Council)? What was its function? [8]
(b) Why was Paul brought before the Sanhedrin (Council) during his final visit to Jerusalem? [8]
(c) What happened on that occasion? [8]
- 8 (a) (i) During Paul's journey to Rome, what message did he receive from an angel? [4]
(ii) What happened which caused Paul to speak to the Centurion and the soldiers?
How did the Centurion later save Paul's life? [4]
(b) What happened at Malta after Paul arrived? [10]
(c) What do these events suggest about the religious beliefs of the Maltese people at that time? [6]