

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS
General Certificate of Education Advanced Level

DIVINITY

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Paper 3 The Apostolic Age

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3 hours

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.
Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.
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 at least **one** question from each section.

Where there are differences in quotations from the Bible,
RSV indicates Revised Standard Version,
NIV indicates New International Version.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.
All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

This document consists of 4 printed pages.



Section A

Answer at least **one** question from this section.

If you choose question **1**, answer in **one** version only.

Acts 1–21:15 and Galatians

REVISED STANDARD VERSION

- 1 Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following, with brief reference to the general context:
 - (a) ... they set up false witnesses who said, “This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place, and will change the customs which Moses delivered to us.” (Acts 6:13-14)
 - (b) News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose ... (Acts 11:22-23)
 - (c) On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. (Acts 19:5-6)
 - (d) For before certain men came from James, he ate with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. (Galatians 2:12)
 - (e) For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:27-28)
 - (f) But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory... (Galatians 4:23-24a)
- 2 Discuss the date and purpose of Acts.
- 3 How far does Galatians reveal the beliefs and teaching of Paul’s opponents in Galatia?
- 4 Assess the political, economic and religious factors that aided or hindered the mission of the early church. (Evidence should be drawn from the epistles studied for this paper as well as Acts 1-21:15.)

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

- 1 Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following, with brief reference to the general context:
 - (a) They produced false witnesses, who testified, "This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law. For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us." (Acts 6:13-14)
 - (b) News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. (Acts 11:22-23)
 - (c) On hearing this, they were baptised into the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. (Acts 19:5-6)
 - (d) Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. (Galatians 2:12)
 - (e) For all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:27-28)
 - (f) His son by the slave woman was born in the ordinary way; but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a promise. These things may be taken figuratively ... (Galatians 4:23-24a)
- 2 Discuss the date and purpose of Acts.
- 3 How far does Galatians reveal the beliefs and teaching of Paul's opponents in Galatia?
- 4 Assess the political, economic and religious factors that aided or hindered the mission of the early church. (Evidence should be drawn from the epistles studied for this paper as well as Acts 1-21:15.)

Section B

Answer at least **one** question from this section.

- 5 'Through his background, education and gifts, Paul was uniquely qualified to fulfil his role as "the apostle to the Gentiles".' Discuss.
- 6 What did Paul mean by salvation? How far did he see it as a future hope, as well as a present experience?
- 7 **Either** (a) Discuss Paul's teaching on the unity of the church. Include some discussion of the circumstances that led him to give this teaching.
- Or** (b) Discuss Paul's teaching on the freedom and responsibility of a Christian. Include some discussion of the circumstances that led him to give this teaching.
- 8 Compare the significance of 'the new covenant' for Paul and for the author of Hebrews.
- 9 'More Jewish than Christian.' How justified is this description of the epistle of James?