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Paper 2 Luke and Acts 1–21:15 (Essay Questions)

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1 hour 45 minutes

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 name, Centre number and candidate number on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **five** questions.

Answer at least **two** questions from **each** Section.

Divide your time equally between the questions you attempt.

Your answers should be in continuous prose.

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.



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Answer **five** questions.

Answer **two** questions from Section **A** (questions 1 to 5),
and **two** questions from Section **B** (questions 6 to 10).
Your **fifth** question may be chosen from **either** section.
Each question carries 12 marks.

SECTION A

The Life and Teaching of Jesus as Portrayed in Luke's Gospel

- 1 (a) Give an account of what was said and what else happened
 - (i) at the naming of John, **and**
 - (ii) when John sent two of his disciples to Jesus to ask him a question. [7]
 (b) Explain why John the Baptist is regarded as the forerunner of Jesus. [5]

- 2 (a) Recount the healing of the centurion's servant (**RSV** slave). [7]
 (b) What do we learn about Jesus and his ministry from this miracle? [5]

- 3 (a) Relate the following **two** parables about prayer:-
 - (i) the parable of the Unjust Judge (**NIV** Persistent Widow), **and**
 - (ii) the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. [7]
 (b) What guidance about praying did Jesus give to the disciples in the Lord's Prayer? [5]

- 4 (a) Give an account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem from the time he rode from the Mount of Olives up to and including his entry into the Temple. [7]
 (b) Why did Jesus criticise the Pharisees on various occasions during his ministry? [5]

- 5 (a) Relate the events of Jesus' first trial before Pilate and his appearance before Herod. [7]
 (b) What do we learn from Luke's gospel about the character of Pilate? [5]

SECTION B

The Birth of the Church as Portrayed in the Acts of the Apostles Chapters 1 to 21:15

- 6 (a) Peter told the crowds on the day of Pentecost that the disciples were not drunk as the crowd supposed.
- (i) Describe what had happened to the disciples **and** explain why the people thought they were drunk.
- (ii) What explanation did Peter give for these events? [7]
- (b) What impact did the day of Pentecost have on the early church? [5]
- 7 (a) Give an account of how
- (i) Gamaliel persuaded the council (**NIV** Sanhedrin) not to kill Peter, **and**
- (ii) an angel helped Peter to escape from prison in Jerusalem. [7]
- (b) Why did Peter meet with opposition from the religious authorities? [5]
- 8 (a) Give an account of Peter's defence when he was criticised by some of the church for eating with uncircumcised men. [7]
- (b) In what ways did Paul continue the work of Peter? [5]
- 9 (a) Give a brief account of what happened when Paul visited Philippi. [7]
- (b) To what extent was Paul's visit to Philippi a success? [5]
- 10 (a) According to Acts, what were the roles of elders and deacons? [7]
- (b) What do we learn about the role of prophets from the story of Agabus? [5]

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