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Paper 2 The Development of Christianity

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1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
Section A: answer **one** question.
Section B: answer **one** question.
- 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 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A

Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.

Either

- 1 (a) Describe the vision of Cornelius in Acts 10:1–8. [5]
- (b) Explain the importance of baptism as initiation into the life and worship of the Christian community in Jerusalem. [10]
- (c) 'The conversion of the gentiles was more significant for the early church than the conversion of the Jews.' Discuss this claim. [10]

[Total: 25]

Or

- 2 (a) Describe Peter's sermon at the house of Cornelius in Acts 10:34–43. [5]
- (b) Comment on similarities and differences between the preaching of Peter and the preaching of Paul. [10]
- (c) 'The early church would not have spread without preaching.' Discuss this claim. [10]

[Total: 25]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 3 **or** Question 4.

Either

- 3 (a) Explain the problem with food offered to idols, as described in 1 Corinthians. [10]
- (b) 'Abuses at the Lord's Supper were the biggest issue for Paul in his ministry to the Corinthians.' Evaluate this claim. [15]

[Total: 25]

Or

- 4 (a) Explain the significance of the Corinthian Church providing a collection for the Jerusalem community (1 Corinthians 16:1–6). [10]
- (b) Evaluate whether gentile and Jewish mixed communities were successful in the early church. [15]

[Total: 25]

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