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The Church is born

- 1 What filled the disciples on the day of Pentecost?
 - a a sense of wonder
 - b the Holy Spirit
 - c a raging fever
 - d an uncontrollable temper
- 2 What sound filled the house where the disciples were sitting that same day?
 - a a rumble of thunder
 - b a shower of heavy rain
 - c a strong wind
 - d the High Priest's horn
- 3 Why were people who witnessed these events confused by what they saw and heard?
 - a the apostles were singing strange hymns
 - b the apostles were roaring like wild animals
 - c the apostles were speaking in a language they could not understand
 - d all of them heard the apostles speaking in their own native language
- 4 Who stood up and defended the disciples on the day of Pentecost when some of the crowd accused them of being drunk?
 - a Peter
 - b David
 - c John
 - d Joel

The courage of the early Christians

- 5 The Controller of the Temple and the Sadducees were annoyed when they heard what Peter and John were teaching the people of Jerusalem. What were they teaching then?
 - a that they did not have to obey the Law
 - b that Jesus had been raised from the dead
 - c that God did not want them to keep the Sabbath
 - d that Jesus was a prophet

- 6 What did these men do to Peter and John when they found them teaching the people these things?
 - a arrested them and put them in prison
 - b reported them to the King
 - c had them bound and stoned in the market place
 - d banned them from entering the city
- 7 In his speech to the Jewish rulers, elders and doctors of the law, what did Peter say Jesus was?
 - a the king of glory
 - b the good shepherd
 - c the morning star
 - d the stone rejected by the builders
- 8 What impressed the court most about the way Peter and John defended themselves when they were asked to explain what they had done?
 - a their sense of humour
 - b their friendliness
 - c their boldness
 - d their humility
- 9 The court released Peter and John on one condition. What was that condition?
 - a they paid a fine
 - b they did not teach or speak about Jesus
 - c they left the city immediately
 - d they reported each day to the police
- 10 Why were Peter and John not willing to do what they were told after they were released?
 - a they were short of money
 - b they did not want to disappoint their friends
 - c they believed that they should obey God rather than men
 - d they had decided to appeal to Caesar
- 11 How old was the man cured by Peter and John?
 - a over 40 years old
 - b over 50 years old
 - c 25 years old
 - d 65 years old

Stephen the first Christian martyr

- 12 What group of people did the Greek-speaking disciples claim were being unfairly treated?
- a their wives
 - b their children
 - c their widows
 - d their old men

- 13 How many men of good reputation did the apostles ask the disciples to choose to deal with the problem?
- a 3
 - b 10
 - c 5
 - d 7

- 14 What TWO things did the apostles do when those who had been chosen were presented to them?
- a they prayed
 - b they baptised them
 - c they shaved their heads
 - d they laid their hands on them

- 15 One of the men was brought before the Council and accused by false witnesses of speaking against the Temple of God. What was his name?
- a James
 - b Stephen
 - c Andrew
 - d Philip

- 16 What did the crowd do to the man after they heard him speak?
- a stoned him
 - b worshipped him as God
 - c elected him to the Council
 - d gave him a round of applause

A famous convert

- 17 What did Saul ask the High Priest to give him permission to do when he reached Damascus?
- a build a new synagogue
 - b organise a collection for the poor
 - c arrest Christians
 - d visit the King
- 18 What did Saul do when he was stopped on the road to Damascus by a bright light that flashed from the sky?
- a he fell to the ground
 - b he ran for cover
 - c he praised God
 - d he reached for his sword

- 19 Why did Saul need someone to lead him into Damascus?
- a he was blind
 - b he had a broken leg
 - c he had lost his way
 - d he was afraid of the crowds

Two brave disciples

- 20 What was the name of the disciple in Damascus who was sent to speak to Saul after he arrived there?
- a Thomas
 - b James
 - c Ananias
 - d Simeon

- 21 What had the disciple heard about Saul which made him unwilling to go and speak to him?
- a he was suffering from a deadly disease
 - b he already had a reputation for harming Jesus' followers
 - c he had a bad temper
 - d he was a friend of the Romans

- 22 While he stayed in Damascus Saul told people about Jesus in the synagogue. Who did he say Jesus was?
- a the Son of Mary and Joseph
 - b the Son of Man
 - c the Suffering Servant
 - d the Son of God

- 23 How did Saul escape from Damascus when the Jews were planning to kill him?
- a disguised himself as a priest
 - b in a farmer's cart
 - c by climbing over the wall
 - d in a basket

- 24 What was the name of the man who introduced Saul to the apostles in Jerusalem?
- a Stephen
 - b Barnabas
 - c Cornelius
 - d Luke

- 25 Why did Saul have to leave Jerusalem and return to Tarsus?
- a his father took unwell
 - b there was a plot to murder him
 - c he was invited to preach in the synagogue
 - d he wanted to have a holiday with his wife

(25 Marks)

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SECTION A

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The Church is born

- 1 What is the name of the festival on which the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit?
 - a Passover
 - b Christmas
 - c Pentecost
 - d Purim
- 2 What did people think was wrong with the disciples when they heard them speaking that day?
 - a they were running a temperature
 - b they were drunk
 - c they were insane
 - d they were showing off
- 3 Why were the crowds who gathered to see what was happening surprised at what they heard?
 - a they could not understand what the apostles were saying
 - b they were all able to hear the apostles speaking in their own language
 - c the apostles were shouting at one another at the top of their voices
 - d the apostles were hurling abuse at God
- 4 What did the apostles claim was the correct explanation of what was happening?
 - a an ancient prophecy was being fulfilled
 - b the apostles were possessed by evil spirits
 - c the apostles were suffering from exhaustion
 - d it was a full moon

The courage of the early Christians

- 5 Why were Peter and John arrested and put in prison by the Jewish authorities?
 - a they were telling people about the resurrection of Jesus
 - b they had disobeyed the Jewish Law
 - c they had caused a disturbance in the synagogue
 - d they had threatened to destroy the temple
- 6 When they were brought before the Council, who did Peter say had been responsible for curing the sick man?
 - a the centurion
 - b the doctor
 - c Jesus of Nazareth
 - d the High Priest
- 7 What was it that particularly impressed the members of the Council about the way Peter and John behaved when they were brought before them?
 - a their enthusiasm
 - b their clothes
 - c their ability to speak in public
 - d their boldness
- 8 Why did the members of the Council find it difficult to deal with Peter and John when they were brought before them?
 - a they had the support of the Romans
 - b everyone knew that they had performed a notable miracle
 - c the people were threatening to cause a riot
 - d they were afraid of what God might do to them
- 9 What were Peter and John forbidden to do when they were discharged by the Council?
 - a speak in public about Jesus
 - b return to their families
 - c associate with other Christians
 - d go home with the man they had cured

The first Christian martyr

- 10 What problem led the apostles to recommend the appointment of a further seven men to assist them in their work?
- a some widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution
 - b some people were denied the opportunity to worship
 - c many Gentile converts were not receiving proper teaching
 - d the Jewish members of the church were being neglected
- 11 How was Stephen put to death?
- a Hanged
 - b Shot
 - c Stoned
 - d Crucified
- 12 Those responsible for putting Stephen to death laid their coats at the feet of a young man. What was his name?
- a Cornelius
 - b Peter
 - c Saul
 - d Philip

A famous convert

- 13 Where was Saul going when he was suddenly stopped by a light which was flashing from the sky all around him?
- a Antioch
 - b Jerusalem
 - c Corinth
 - d Damascus

Two brave disciples

- 14 How did Ananias discover that he had to visit Saul who was blind and had not eaten or drunk for three days?
- a a vision
 - b a letter
 - c a friend
 - d a personal request from Saul himself
- 15 Who introduced Saul to the apostles in Jerusalem?
- a Peter
 - b Barnabas
 - c Mark
 - d Stephen

Peter's strange vision

- 16 What was the name of the Roman centurion at Caesarea who sent to Joppa for Peter?
- a Cornelius
 - b Stephen
 - c John Mark
 - d Saul of Tarsus
- 17 In a dream Peter saw a great sheet being lowered from the sky with all kinds of creatures in it. Why did he not eat them when he was invited to do so?
- a he was not hungry
 - b he did not have enough money
 - c he had never eaten anything unclean
 - d he did not want to be greedy
- 18 Where was Peter staying in Joppa?
- a in Barnabas's house
 - b in the Governor's house
 - c in Simon the tanner's house
 - d in the High Priest's house

A major decision

- 19 Why did Paul and Barnabas have to go to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders there?
- a the church at Antioch needed money
 - b they had fallen out with one another
 - c they wanted permission to make another journey
 - d false teachers wanted their converts to be circumcised
- 20 Who summed up and announced the decision of the meeting they held in Jerusalem?
- a Thomas
 - b James
 - c Andrew
 - d Pilate

(25 marks)

SECTION B

The Church is born

1 On the day the apostles received the Holy Spirit they were aware of a great noise filling the house where they were sitting. What was the noise like?

2 Which of the apostles stepped forward to give the people a proper explanation of what was happening?

The courage of the early Christians

3 How many people are reported to have become believers after Peter and John healed a sick man?

4 What did the Jewish authorities do to Peter and John when they found them speaking openly to the people about the man they had healed?

5 When Peter and John were set free by the authorities why did they refuse to accept the restrictions imposed upon them by the council?

6 How old was the man Peter and John healed?

The first Christian martyr

7 What particular reason did the apostles give for refusing to get involved in distributing food?

8 Seven men, including Stephen, were appointed to look after the material needs of the community. What did the apostles do when these men were presented to them for their approval before they began their duties?

9 When Stephen was brought before the Council what was it about his appearance that impressed the members?

10 Who did Stephen claim he saw standing at God's right hand?

11 One man who approved of Stephen's death is identified by name. Who was he?

A famous convert

12 Who did Saul ask for permission to go to Damascus?

13 Why did Saul want to go to Damascus?

14 Why did Saul have to be led into Damascus?

Two brave disciples

15 What was Ananias told Saul would be doing when he went to meet him at Judas's house?

16 How did Saul escape from Damascus?

Peter's strange vision

17 What happened to a Roman soldier who lived in Joppa that persuaded him to invite Peter to come and visit him?

18 Peter dreamt he saw a sheet containing a variety of living creatures lowered from the sky. What was he told to do with them?

A major decision

19 An important meeting was held in Jerusalem at which Peter, Paul and Barnabas opposed those who belonged to the so-called Pharisaic party. What did the people who belonged to that party want those who became Christians to do?

20 At the end of the meeting in Jerusalem at which Paul and Barnabas represented the Christians at Antioch, how did those present agree to communicate what they had decided to the Church at Antioch?

(40 Marks)

SECTION C

Write a short essay (approximately 100 words) on ONE of the following topics:

- 1 Imagine you were a member of the Council listening to Peter and John boldly defending themselves for curing a sick man. Describe how you feel about them and why you think the Council was right to release them.
- 2 You were present at the death of Stephen. Describe what you saw and why Stephen impressed you by his behaviour.
- 3 Imagine you are Ananias and have just learned that you have been chosen to go and meet Saul. Explain why you do not want to go and what happens when you get there.
- 4 Explain Peter's dilemma when he was invited to go to Caesarea and how his vision helped him to resolve it.
- 5 Imagine you were present at the meeting in Jerusalem at which Peter, Paul and Barnabas were invited to put their case. Give reasons why you were able or unable to support their point of view and the final decision that was reached.

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The Church is born

- 1 What did the disciples begin to do when they were filled with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost?
- a dance in the streets
 - b sing hymns
 - c speak in other tongues
 - d wash on another's feet
- 2 Why were the people who witnessed those events surprised at what was happening to the disciples?
- a they were all old men
 - b they were all Galileans
 - c they were all strong men
 - d they were all Pharisees

The courage of the early Christians

- 3 What was it about Peter and John's teaching that annoyed the authorities and led to their arrest and imprisonment?
- a their resurrection of Jesus
 - b the destruction of the temple
 - c God's love for the Gentiles
 - d the forgiveness of sins
- 4 What impressed the authorities about Peter and John when they defended themselves before the Council?
- a their humility
 - b their noble birth
 - c their education
 - d their boldness
- 5 When the authorities agreed to release Peter and John what restriction did they place on their future activities?
- a they were never to set foot in the temple
 - b they were never to speak or teach in the name of Jesus
 - c they were to leave Jerusalem immediately
 - d they were to report each day to the temple police

- 6 Why did the authorities decide that it would be unwise to punish them?

- a the people were praising God for them
- b the Romans would send in soldiers to defend them
- c they had God on their side
- d they had friends in the temple police

The first Christian martyr

- 7 Why did the apostles suggest that other men should be appointed to look after the daily distribution of food to widows and others in need?
- a they did not have the necessary skills
 - b they did not approve of giving hand-outs
 - c they were about to leave the country
 - d they had to devote themselves to prayer and the word

- 8 How many men were selected and appointed for the task?

- a 12
- b 10
- c 7
- d 3

- 9 Who did Stephen claim he saw standing at God's right hand?

- a Moses
- b the Son of man
- c Elijah
- d the Lamb of God

A famous convert

- 10 What caused Saul to fall to the ground as he was travelling on the road from Jerusalem to Damascus?

- a a blinding light
- b a sudden gust of wind
- c an earthquake
- d a heart attack

- 11 Why were people in Damascus amazed when they heard Saul speaking publicly in the synagogue about Jesus?
- a he was a shy man
 - b he had never met Jesus
 - c he had a reputation for persecuting Christians
 - d he was not a Jew

Two brave disciples

- 12 Why did Barnabas have to take Saul by the hand and introduce him to the apostles in Jerusalem?
- a they were not afraid of him
 - b he did not want to meet them
 - c he was blind
 - d they did not know who he was
- 13 How did Saul's friends help him to escape from Damascus?
- a by lowering him over the wall in a basket
 - b by digging a tunnel under the wall
 - c by hiding him in an empty barrel
 - d by disguising him as a Roman soldier

Peter's strange vision

- 14 Why was Cornelius, a centurion, highly respected by the Jewish community in Caesarea?
- a he had a Jewish wife
 - b he spoke fluent Hebrew
 - c he was a close friend of the Emperor
 - d he was a religious man whose family worshipped God
- 15 How did Cornelius welcome Peter when he arrived at his house?
- a he bowed respectfully to the ground
 - b he shook his hand
 - c he kissed him on both cheeks
 - d he washed his feet

A major decision

- 16 On their way from Antioch to Jerusalem Paul and Barnabas gave the Christians in Phoenicia and Samaria news of their work. What aspect of that news was a major cause for rejoicing?
- a the new church in Antioch
 - b the collection for the needy Christians in Rome
 - c the conversion of the Gentiles
 - d the destruction of the temple
- 17 What decision was reached at the meeting which Paul and Barnabas attended in Jerusalem?
- a to admit Jews only to the church
 - b to forbid Paul and Barnabas to speak in the synagogue
 - c to require Gentiles to learn Hebrew
 - d not to impose circumcision and the law on Gentiles

A dangerous journey

- 18 Where was the ship on which Paul was sailing when he advised the centurion not to continue the voyage?
- a Crete
 - b Cyprus
 - c Rhodes
 - d Sicily
- 19 What did the soldiers want to do to Paul and the other prisoners when the ship on which they were travelling finally ran aground on Malta?
- a release them
 - b kill them
 - c leave them on board
 - d transfer them to the local prison

Rome at last

- 20 Once he arrived in Rome who did Paul invite to visit him in the house where he was held prisoner?
- a the Roman Emperor
 - b the crew of the ship
 - c the local church leaders
 - d the leaders of the Jewish community in Rome

(20 marks)

SECTION B

The Church is born

1 On the day of Pentecost which of the disciples stood up and explained to the crowd what was happening?

2 What particular accusation was he most anxious to dismiss?

The courage of the early Christians

3 What did Peter identify as the source of their power when he was asked to explain how he and John had cured the man who was sick??

4 Whose presence made it impossible for the authorities to reply to the speech Peter made in response to the accusations brought against himself and John?

5 What was Peter and John's response to the restrictions imposed upon them when they were discharged by the authorities?

6 Where did Peter and John go when they were discharged by the authorities?

The first Christian martyr

7 What did the apostles do when the men chosen to look after the daily distribution of food to the widows were brought to them?

8 Members of the synagogue who opposed Stephen found it impossible to argue their case successful against him. How did they try to overcome the difficulty?

9 How was Stephen put to death?

10 What happened to the Church in Jerusalem after Stephen's death?

A famous convert

11 What did Saul plan to do when he reached Damascus?

12 As Saul lay on the ground in a state of confusion on the road to Damascus he heard a voice which he later identified as the voice of Jesus. What did he say to Saul?

Two brave disciples

13 Why was Ananias reluctant to go to the house where Saul was staying in Damascus?

14 What did the Jews in Damascus plan to do to Saul?

Peter's strange vision

15 What experience encouraged Cornelius to send his servants to Joppa to invite Peter to come to his house?

16 What was Peter doing when he had his vision of the great sheet containing all sorts of living creatures?

17 When Peter arrived at Cornelius's house what did he tell the assembled company a Jew was forbidden to do?

18 What lesson had Peter learned from his vision of the sheet?

A dangerous journey

19 Even at the height of the storm when everyone else was fearing the worst Paul was confident that they would all survive. What reason did he give for his confidence?

Rome at last

20 How long was Paul allowed to live in his own house in Rome and to continue openly teaching about Jesus?

(40 Marks)

SECTION C

Choose any TWO of the following topics and write a short essay on each of them. Each essay should be approximately 100 words in length.

- 1 On the day of Pentecost alone it is reckoned that 3,000 were added to the Church. Can you suggest ways in which the Church could be more effective in attracting your own age group today?
- 2 Outline an imaginary or real situation in which you think it would take a lot of courage for a follower of Jesus to obey God rather than men.
- 3 Is there any cause worth dying for? Suggest reasons why you think there are still people like Stephen who are prepared to put their lives on the line for what they believe.
- 4 Ananias and Barnabas both played an important part in helping Saul to be accepted by other Christians. How would you set about introducing someone you know to the Boys' Brigade?
- 5 Peter came to see that it is wrong to discriminate against any man. How far do you think today's Church is still having to learn that same lesson?
- 6 Describe a situation where your own, or someone else's faith in God has, like Paul's, been a source of great practical help.
- 7 The Church and organisations like the Boys' Brigade should make it easier for people to follow Jesus. Describe a situation in which you have seen that kind of support and encouragement at work.

(20 marks)

