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Paper 2 The Development of Christianity **October/November 2025**

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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 what led to Stephen being appointed by the twelve apostles to serve the Christian community. [5]

(b) Examine the ministry and martyrdom of Stephen. [10]

(c) 'Stephen's death had little impact on the Jerusalem Church.' Discuss this claim. [10]

[Total: 25]

OR

2 **(a)** Outline Trajan's reply to the letter from Pliny the Younger. [5]

(b) Examine the content of Pliny the Younger's letter to Trajan. [10]

(c) Evaluate the view that Christianity was seen more as a religious than a political threat to the stability of the Roman Empire. [10]

[Total: 25]

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Section B

Answer **EITHER** Question 3 **OR** Question 4.

EITHER

3 **(a)** Examine Paul's teaching in 1 Corinthians 13 on the nature of Christian love. [10]

(b) 'Lack of love was the main cause of the issues in the Corinthian Church.' Evaluate this view. [15]

[Total: 25]

OR

4 **(a)** Examine the content of Paul's sermon in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch. [10]

(b) 'Paul's expulsion from Pisidian Antioch was inevitable.' Evaluate this view. [15]

[Total: 25]

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