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Paper 2 The Four Gospels

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3 hours

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
- If you choose to answer Question 1, answer in **one** version only.
Revised Standard Version of Question 1 is printed on page 2.
New International Version of Question 1 is printed on page 3.
- 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 100.
- All questions are worth 25 marks.

This document has **4** pages.

REVISED STANDARD VERSION

- 1 Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following passages (wherever possible answers should refer to the context of the passage but should not retell the story from which the passage is taken): [25]
- (a) “Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them.” (Matthew 5:17)
- (b) And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water.” (Matthew 14:28)
- (c) And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. (Mark 3:5)
- (d) And suddenly looking around they no longer saw any one with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of man should have risen from the dead. (Mark 9:8–9)
- (e) “... for he will be great before the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb.” (Luke 1:15)
- (f) “For I am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” (Luke 7:8)
- (g) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. (John 4:9)
- (h) “Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.” (John 16:7)

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

- 1 Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following passages (wherever possible answers should refer to the context of the passage but should not retell the story from which the passage is taken): [25]
- (a) “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.” (Matthew 5:17)
- (b) “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” (Matthew 14:28)
- (c) He looked round at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. (Mark 3:5)
- (d) Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. (Mark 9:8–9)
- (e) “... for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born.” (Luke 1:15)
- (f) “For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” (Luke 7:8)
- (g) The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) (John 4:9)
- (h) “But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.” (John 16:7)

- 2 'Matthew portrays Jesus' opponents in the worst possible light.' How far do you agree? [25]
- 3 Consider how the teaching given in the Sermon on the Mount is developed throughout Matthew's Gospel as a whole. [25]
- 4 Examine Mark's portrayal of Jesus' humanity. [25]
- 5 Analyse the importance of Peter in Mark's Gospel. [25]
- 6 Discuss the date, context, and purpose of Luke's Gospel. [25]
- 7 'The rejection of material possessions is central to Luke's Gospel.' Discuss. [25]
- 8 Examine how John's Gospel seeks to answer Pilate's question 'What is truth?' (18:38). [25]
- 9 Discuss the Signs (miracle stories) in John's Gospel. [25]
- 10 Examine the role of women in Jesus' ministry. [25]
- 11 Assess the significance of the Last Supper in the gospel narratives. [25]
- 12 Which was the first gospel to be written? Explain your answer. [25]
- 13 Assess the ways in which Matthew's birth narratives of Jesus are different from those of Luke. [25]
- 14 'We cannot understand the gospels without knowing about their Jewish context.' Discuss. [25]

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