
RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)

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Paper 1 The portrayal of the life and teaching of Jesus

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1 hour 30 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer any **four** questions.

Where there are differences in quotations from the Bible,

NIV indicates New International Version,

RSV indicates Revised Standard Version.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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Answer any **four** questions.

- 1 (a) Give arguments to support the view that Matthew's Gospel was written for Jews. [6]
- (b) What was the political background of Judea at the time of Jesus' birth? [6]
- (c) 'Matthew the disciple and tax-collector was the author of Matthew's Gospel.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 2 (a) Give an account of the visit of the Magi (**RSV** wise men) from their arrival in Jerusalem up until they left Bethlehem. [6]
- (b) How did Herod react to the Magi's visit **and** why did he react in this way? [6]
- (c) 'The birth stories in Matthew's Gospel give an accurate historical account of the events surrounding Jesus' birth.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 3 (a) Give an account of what John the Baptist said about the Pharisees and Sadducees when he was preaching in the Desert of Judea. [6]
- (b) Explain why people wondered if John the Baptist was Elijah come back from the dead. [6]
- (c) 'There are more similarities between John the Baptist and Jesus than there are differences.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 4 (a) Give an account of the parable of a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. [6]
- (b) What did Jesus teach about love for enemies in the Sermon on the Mount? [6]
- (c) 'Jesus himself did not act according to his own teaching about loving your enemy.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 5 (a) Give an account of the occasion in the last week of Jesus' life when he was questioned about his authority. [6]
- (b) Explain why Jesus met with opposition from the Pharisees. [6]
- (c) 'Jesus never claimed to be God.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

- 6 (a) Give an account of the trial of Jesus by the Sanhedrin (**RSV** council). [6]
- (b) Explain how Matthew's account of the trial by Pilate suggests that Pilate did not want to crucify Jesus. [6]
- (c) 'Jesus brought about his own death.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

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