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Paper 2 The Four Gospels

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3 hours

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.
Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer any **four** questions. 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.
You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.
At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.
All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

- 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):

- (a) The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.
(Matthew 1:1)
- (b) You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matthew 5:48)
- (c) And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables..." (Mark 4:11)
- (d) And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."
(Mark 9:7)
- (e) He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. (Luke 1:53)
- (f) Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" (Luke 24:18)
- (g) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.
(John 1:14)
- (h) Upon this Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; every one who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar."
(John 19:12)

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- (a) A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham. (Matthew 1:1)
- (b) Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matthew 5:48)
- (c) He told them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is in parables..." (Mark 4:11)
- (d) Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" (Mark 9:7)
- (e) He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. (Luke 1:53)
- (f) One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only one living in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that have happened there in these days?" (Luke 24:18)
- (g) The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only [Son], who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)
- (h) From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar." (John 19:12)

- 2 Explain how and why Matthew used the Old Testament when writing his gospel.
- 3 Discuss the view that Matthew's gospel is dominated by the concept of judgment.
- 4 Discuss the authorship of Mark's gospel.
- 5 Assess the view that Mark shows Jesus as both human and divine.
- 6 To what extent can it be said that Luke's gospel shows a special concern for women?
- 7 Examine and discuss the way Luke uses miracle stories.
- 8 'Jesus' conversations with Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman make an important contribution to the theology of John's gospel.' Discuss.
- 9 Examine the view that John's main aim was to interpret the synoptic gospels.
- 10 Discuss whether there are any acceptable solutions to the synoptic problem.
- 11 Assess critically Jesus' relationship with the Scribes and the Pharisees.
- 12 Discuss the part played by Simon Peter in the gospel writings.
- 13 Consider the problems presented by the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist as portrayed in the gospels.
- 14 What is a gospel?