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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.
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.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

- 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) Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
(Matthew 4:1)
- (b) So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."
(Matthew 27:24)
- (c) And she came in immediately with haste to the king, and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."
(Mark 6:25)
- (d) And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.
(Mark 16:8)
- (e) "... for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed."
(Luke 1:48)
- (f) The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!"
(Luke 10:17)
- (g) And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor, to be with you for ever.
(John 14:16)
- (h) They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. (John 20:4)

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- (a) Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. (Matthew 4:1)
 - (b) When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!" (Matthew 27:24)
 - (c) At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter." (Mark 6:25)
 - (d) Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid. (Mark 16:8)
 - (e) "... for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed." (Luke 1:48)
 - (f) The seventy two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." (Luke 10:17)
 - (g) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever. (John 14:16)
 - (h) Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. (John 20:4)

- 2 To what extent does Matthew present Jesus as the 'new Moses'?
- 3 Discuss the importance of the portrait of Peter in Matthew's gospel.
- 4 When and where was Mark's gospel written?
- 5 Explain the importance of the title 'Son of Man' in Mark's gospel.
- 6 Discuss the distinctive features of the parables of Jesus in Luke's gospel.
- 7 Why did Luke write his gospel?
- 8 Explain the 'I am' sayings in John's gospel.
- 9 Discuss and explain the features of John's presentation of the Passion of Jesus that are **not** found in the synoptic gospels.
- 10 Assess the significance of the gospel narratives of the baptism and transfiguration of Jesus.
- 11 Explain why Jesus came into conflict with the Pharisees.
- 12 'Jesus urged his followers to give up all their possessions.' Discuss.
- 13 Consider the role played by women in the gospels.
- 14 'The gospels are theology, not history.' Explain and discuss this statement.

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