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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 **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.

This document consists of **4** printed 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):
- (a) ... and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. (Matthew 1:19)
 - (b) These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." (Matthew 10:5–6)
 - (c) Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. And they watched him, to see whether he would heal him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. (Mark 3:1–2)
 - (d) And he awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. (Mark 4:39)
 - (e) And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities ... (Luke 8:1b–2a)
 - (f) And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. (Luke 24:27)
 - (g) Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst." (John 6:35)
 - (h) Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the sabbath (for that sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. (John 19:31)

- 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) Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. (Matthew 1:19)
 - (b) These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel." (Matthew 10:5–6)
 - (c) Another time he went into the synagogue, and a man with a shrivelled hand was there. Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. (Mark 3:1–2)
 - (d) He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. (Mark 4:39)
 - (e) The Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases ... (Luke 8:1b–2a)
 - (f) And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. (Luke 24:27)
 - (g) Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35)
 - (h) Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. (John 19:31)

- 2 Explain the main features of the ethical teaching in Matthew's gospel.
- 3 When, where, and by whom was Matthew's gospel written?
- 4 'Mark's gospel is really only interested in the story of Jesus' suffering and death.' Discuss.
- 5 Explain Mark's use of parables.
- 6 Who was Luke, and why did he want to write 'the truth' for Theophilus?
- 7 'Luke believed the Kingdom of God had arrived in the ministry of Jesus.' Discuss.
- 8 To what extent can it be said that John's gospel is 'anti-Jewish'?
- 9 Discuss John's presentation of the miracle stories.
- 10 Assess Jesus' relationship with the Jewish and Roman authorities in Jerusalem.
- 11 Discuss and assess the part played by John the Baptist in the gospel story.
- 12 Explain the importance of the narratives of the confession of Peter (at Caesarea Philippi) and the transfiguration in the gospel story.
- 13 Why did Judas betray Jesus?
- 14 Examine what we can learn from the gospels about life in Palestine in the first century AD.

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