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Paper 1 The Four Gospels

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **five** questions in total:
 - Section A: answer **three** questions.
 - Section B: answer Question 5.
 - Section C: answer **one** question.
- 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 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A

Answer **three** of the following four questions.

Answers should refer to the context of the passage wherever possible. Answers should not retell the story from which the passage is taken.

- 1 Outline points of interest or difficulty in the following passage.

Matthew 2:1–3; NRSVA

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him... [5]

- 2 Outline points of interest or difficulty in the following passage.

Mark 2:13–14; NRSVA

Jesus went out again beside the lake; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. [5]

- 3 Outline points of interest or difficulty in the following passage.

Luke 22:55–56; NRSVA

When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, 'This man also was with him.' [5]

- 4 Outline points of interest or difficulty in the following passage.

John 13:12–14; NRSVA

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. [5]

[Total: 15]

Section B

Answer Question 5.

5 Read the following passage and then answer the question below:

Mark 6:34–44 NRSVA

As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.' But he answered them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?' And he said to them, 'How many loaves have you? Go and see.' When they had found out, they said, 'Five, and two fish.' Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

'Jesus did miracles only to show compassion for people.' Assess the truth of this statement. Refer to the passage above and other passages you have studied. [10]

Section CAnswer **EITHER** Question 6 **OR** Question 7.**EITHER**

- 6 (a) Examine similarities and differences between accounts of Jesus' resurrection appearances found in the gospels of Luke and John. [10]
- (b) 'The purpose of Jesus' appearances after his death was to prove his resurrection.' Evaluate this statement. [15]

OR

- 7 (a) Examine the accounts of Jesus' rejection in Nazareth. [10]
- (b) 'The religious authorities were responsible for Jesus' death.' Evaluate this claim. [15]

[Total: 25]

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