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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 4:1–4, NRSVA

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' [5]

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

Matthew 6:5–7, NRSVA

'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words.' [5]

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

Mark 1:16–18, NRSVA

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. [5]

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

Luke 19:30–35, NRSVA

... saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. [5]

[Total: 15]

Section B

Answer Question 5.

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

Mark 10:21–25, NRSVA

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’

Discuss Jesus’ teaching about wealth. Refer to this passage, and other passages you have studied. [10]

Section C

Answer **EITHER** Question 6 **OR** Question 7.

EITHER

- 6 (a) Examine how the person of Jesus is revealed through the sayings ‘I am the good shepherd’ (John 10) and ‘I am the resurrection and the life’ (John 11). [10]
- (b) ‘The significance of John’s Prologue is to direct the rest of the Gospel in revealing Jesus to the people.’ Evaluate this claim. [15]

OR

- 7 (a) Examine the similarities and differences between the three parables found in Luke 15: the lost sheep, the lost coin and the prodigal son and his brother. [10]
- (b) ‘Jesus’ ministry in Luke is to bring salvation to the lost.’ Evaluate this claim. [15]

[Total: 25]

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