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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 2:13–15, NRSVA

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I have called my son.’ [5]

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

Mark 8:23–25, NRSVA

He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, ‘Can you see anything?’ And the man looked up and said, ‘I can see people, but they look like trees, walking.’ Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. [5]

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

Luke 10:26–28, NRSVA

He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’ [5]

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

John 2:3–5, NRSVA

When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ [5]

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Section B

Answer Question 5.

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

Mark 10:46–52, NRSVA

As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

'Jesus' miracles reveal his identity more than any other aspect of his ministry does.' Assess this claim. Refer to the passage above and other passages you have studied. [10]

Section C

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

EITHER

- 6 (a) Examine Jesus' teaching in the Beatitudes in Matthew 5. [10]
 (b) 'The Sermon on the Mount sets an ideal standard of discipleship.' Evaluate this claim. [15]

OR

- 7 (a) Examine Jesus' teaching on prayer. [10]
 (b) 'Jesus is at his most human when praying in Gethsemane.' Evaluate this statement. [15]

[Total: 25]

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