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Cambridge Ordinary Level

RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)

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Paper 1 The portrayal of the life and teaching of Jesus

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1 hour 30 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer any four questions.

Where there are differences in quotations from the Bible,

NIV indicates New International Version,

RSV indicates Revised Standard Version.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.



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Answer any **four** questions.

- 1 (a) Give an account of the call of Matthew including what was said when Jesus was having dinner with him. [6]
- (b) (i) Explain arguments that support the view that this disciple wrote Matthew's Gospel.
(ii) Explain why some people challenge this view. [6]
- (c) 'It does not matter who the author of the Gospel of Matthew is.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 2 (a) Give an account of Jesus' feeding of the five thousand. [6]
- (b) Explain what this miracle could teach about Jesus and the kingdom of heaven. [6]
- (c) 'The feeding of the five thousand is an account of an actual event that happened.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 3 (a) Give an account of the event when Jesus was transfigured (the Transfiguration). [6]
- (b) Explain what this event could teach about
(i) the person of Jesus, **and**
(ii) the work of Jesus. [6]
- (c) Discuss how important John the Baptist is for an understanding of the person and work of Jesus. [8]
- 4 (a) Give an account of the parable which Jesus told when Peter asked about forgiveness (the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant). [6]
- (b) Explain the meaning of this parable. [6]
- (c) 'Forgiveness demands that those who do evil should not be punished.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

- 5 (a) Give an account of the last meal Jesus had with his disciples before he was arrested. [6]
- (b) Explain how, in Matthew's Gospel, the prophecies that Jesus made during the last meal were fulfilled. [6]
- (c) 'Jesus could have avoided his death.'

To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

- 6 (a) Give an account of the part played at Jesus' burial and resurrection of
- (i) Joseph of Arimathea, **and**
- (ii) the angel at the tomb. [6]
- (b) Explain why guards were put at Jesus' tomb and what happened to them. [6]
- (c) 'It is the resurrection, not the death of Jesus, that is important for Christians.'

To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

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