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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) An angel appeared to Joseph in three dreams. Give an account of any **two** of them, including what was said **and** Joseph's reaction. [6]
 - (b) Illustrate and explain **two** of the characteristics of Matthew's Gospel that are found in the birth stories. [6]
 - (c) 'The birth stories in Matthew's Gospel tell us very little about Jesus.'
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 the parable of the sower. [6]
 - (b) What did Jesus teach about the meaning of this parable? [6]
 - (c) 'Jesus taught in parables so that some people would not understand.'
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 what happened when Jesus walked on water. [6]
 - (b) Explain what this miracle may show about the person and work of Jesus. [6]
 - (c) 'It is easier to explain away Jesus' nature miracles than his healing miracles.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

- 4
 - (a)
 - (i) Give an account of what led up to Jesus saying to Peter 'Get behind me, Satan!'. [6]
 - (ii) What did Jesus then explain to his disciples? [6]
 - (b) Explain what the Jews understood by the term 'Son of Man'. [6]
 - (c) 'It is not surprising that the Jewish religious authorities saw Jesus as a threat and a blasphemer.'
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 question which Jesus was asked by the Sadducees about marriage in the life to come, **and** what Jesus replied. [6]
- (b) What did Jesus teach about adultery? [6]
- (c) 'Jesus' teaching on adultery is not relevant to people in the 21st century.'
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 visit of the women to Jesus' tomb. [6]
- (b) Why was a guard posted at the tomb **and** why were the soldiers concerned given a large sum of money? [6]
- (c) 'The resurrection of Jesus should be seen as literal rather than symbolic.'
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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