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Paper 2 The Four Gospels

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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
- If you choose to answer Question 1, answer in **one** version only.
Revised Standard Version of Question 1 is printed on page 2.
New International Version of Question 1 is printed on page 3.
- 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 100.
- All questions are worth 25 marks.

This document has **4** pages.

REVISED STANDARD VERSION

- 1 Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following passages (wherever possible answers should refer to the context of the passage but should not retell the story from which the passage is taken). [25]
- (a) But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. (Matthew 9:25)
- (b) And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." (Matthew 15:26)
- (c) And as he passed on, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. (Mark 2:14)
- (d) And he looked up and said, "I see men; but they look like trees, walking." (Mark 8:24)
- (e) And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (Luke 2:22)
- (f) And as he was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became dazzling white. (Luke 9:29)
- (g) His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5)
- (h) Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." (John 11:21–22)

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

- 1 Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following passages (wherever possible answers should refer to the context of the passage but should not retell the story from which the passage is taken). [25]
- (a) After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. (Matthew 9:25)
- (b) He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." (Matthew 15:26)
- (c) As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. (Mark 2:14)
- (d) He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around." (Mark 8:24)
- (e) When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ... (Luke 2:22)
- (f) As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. (Luke 9:29)
- (g) His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5)
- (h) "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." (John 11:21–22)

- 2 'The ethics that Jesus taught in Matthew's Gospel are essentially about the Kingdom of Heaven.' Discuss. [25]
- 3 Why did Matthew write his Gospel? [25]
- 4 To what extent does Mark's Gospel portray Jesus as human? [25]
- 5 '... "Who do men say that I am?"' (Mark 8:27) Examine how Mark answers this question throughout his Gospel. [25]
- 6 'Luke's primary theme is the universal nature of Christianity.' Assess this claim. [25]
- 7 'Luke's Gospel demands that Jesus' disciples are totally dedicated.' Examine how far this is a fair description of Luke's theme of discipleship. [25]
- 8 Examine the theme of eternal life in John's Gospel. [25]
- 9 Examine John's description of Jesus' ministry in Jerusalem. [25]
- 10 'Both Matthew and Luke use Mark's Gospel differently in their own gospels.' To what extent do you agree with this statement? [25]
- 11 Discuss in what ways the Pharisees were opposed to Jesus and his teaching. [25]
- 12 'His baptism and the transfiguration are the most important events in Jesus' life.' Discuss. [25]
- 13 Examine the ways in which Jesus treated social outcasts in the Gospels. [25]
- 14 Assess the importance of the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus in the Gospels. [25]

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