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Paper 1 The Portrayal of God in the Bible

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total:
 - Section A: answer **one** question.
 - Section B: answer **two** questions.
- 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 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A

Answer **one** question. Answer all parts of the chosen question.

EITHER

- 1 (a) Read the following passage and then answer the questions:

Genesis 3:6, NRSVA

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.

- (i) State who persuaded the woman to eat the fruit. [1]
 - (ii) Outline how the woman was persuaded to eat the fruit. [2]
 - (iii) State **three** punishments that God gave as a result of this event. [3]
- (b) Explain what this passage might teach Christians about God's relationship with humanity. [6]
- (c) Assess the view that the story of the fall has no relevance to Christians today. [8]

[Total: 20]

OR

- 2 (a) Read the following passage and then answer the questions:

1 Samuel 16:6, NRSVA

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD.'

- (i) Explain why the Lord did not choose Eliab. [2]
 - (ii) State where David was when Samuel asked to meet him. [1]
 - (iii) State how David is described when he was sent for and brought in to Samuel. [3]
- (b) Explain the importance for Christians of the appointing of David. [6]
- (c) Those who are specially chosen by God should set a better example than others in the world. Discuss. [8]

[Total: 20]

Section B

Answer **two** questions. Answer all parts of the chosen two questions.

- 3** (a) Outline God's test of Abraham, up until the angel speaks for the first time. [6]
- (b) Explain different Christian views about whether God tests his people today. [6]
- (c) To what extent does the story of God's test of Abraham help Christians in their lives today? [8]

[Total: 20]

- 4** (a) Describe what happened each time Moses stretched his hand out over the sea. [6]
- (b) Contrast different views about what this event might teach Christians about the nature of God. [6]
- (c) Assess the view that God no longer acts in the world through miracles. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 5** (a) Describe the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, not including Peter's speech. [6]
- (b) Explain the relevance of this passage for Christian practice today. [6]
- (c) 'Sending the Holy Spirit is the most important part of God's plan for humanity.' Discuss. [8]

[Total: 20]

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