
RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)

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Paper 1 The portrayal of the life and teaching of Jesus

October/November 2017

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) Describe the teaching in the Sermon on the Mount about
- (i) adultery
 - (ii) divorce [6]
- (b) Explain why these teachings were new teachings to a Jewish audience. [6]
- (c) 'These teachings on adultery and divorce cause problems for Christians today.'
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 healing of two demon-possessed men (**RSV** two demoniacs). [6]
- (b) Explain what the story may show about the identity of Jesus. [6]
- (c) 'Jesus curing someone of evil spirits is a difficult idea for people to accept today.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 3 (a) (i) Describe the parable of the Lost Sheep.
- (ii) In Matthew, what religious idea is represented by a flock of sheep and a shepherd? [6]
- (b) Explain what Christians today might learn from the teaching in this parable. [6]
- (c) 'Only people who are truly sorry for their sins can be forgiven.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 4 (a) What happened at Bethany in the house of Simon the Leper and why did the disciples criticise what was done? [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of this story in preparing the disciples for what was to happen next. [6]
- (c) 'The reaction of the disciples to what happened at Bethany was perfectly understandable.'
Do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

- 5 (a) Describe what happened when Jesus was arrested. [6]
- (b) Explain what Jesus meant when he said 'But all this has taken place so the writings (RSV scriptures) of the prophets might be fulfilled.' [6]
- (c) 'Jesus died because the people of his time did not understand him.'
To what extent do you agree? Show in your answer that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
- 6 (a) Describe what happened when the disciples met Jesus on the mountain in Galilee. [6]
- (b) Explain the significance of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. [6]
- (c) 'Matthew's Gospel makes the story of Jesus interesting for everyone.'
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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