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## FOREWORD

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This booklet contains reports written by Examiners on the work of candidates in certain papers. **Its contents are primarily for the information of the subject teachers concerned.**

# DIVINITY

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## GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

<p>Paper 8041/02 The Four Gospels</p>
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**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** It has been decided that Divinity AS and A Level will continue until at least 2007.

### General comments

The overall performance of the candidates this year was good. However, there did not seem to be many candidates scoring high marks. Quite a few failed to understand the requirement of four questions and just answered **Question 1**, the gobbets.

### Comments on specific questions

#### **Question 1**

Quite a large number of candidates chose this question.

- (a) Very popular and done well.
- (b) Again a popular choice.
- (c) This was not usually answered well – many did not know the correct context.
- (d) A popular choice.
- (e) A popular choice and well answered.
- (f) Also popular and well answered.
- (g)(h) Popular choices.

#### **Question 2**

This was a popular choice, with a lot of recounting of the Sermon on the Mount; some did this well but a few failed to show how Matthew used this to present Jesus in his gospel.

#### **Question 3**

This question on Matthew as 'the Gospel for the Church' was not a popular choice. It was answered with a lot of misunderstanding.

#### **Question 4**

This question on the authorship of Mark's gospel was a popular choice. It was reasonably well answered with a lot of good information about Peter.

#### **Question 5**

This was the most popular question, with some good answers. The best answers showed how these two incidents – Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi and Jesus' transfiguration – were important for the whole of Mark's gospel.

**Question 6**

This question was not always answered well. A lot of candidates muddled up their understanding of who was meant by the Gentiles – several included the Pharisees as Gentiles.

**Question 7**

This was a very popular choice and well done. There were a lot of good answers with detailed information about John the Baptist, not just the birth narratives.

**Question 8**

This question was not well answered – many candidates tended to ramble about the Johannine themes *without* emphasising *why* the gospel was written.

**Question 9**

Not many candidates chose this question on the teaching about the Spirit in John's gospel. Those who did attempt it did not do it very well.

**Question 10**

This was a popular choice, but all the accounts of the Last Supper were lumped together as one, without making much distinct comment.

**Question 11**

There were some good answers to this question on miracles and 'active parables'.

**Question 12**

This question on the teaching of Jesus on discipleship and commitment was a popular choice. It brought a variety of answers of varying standards.

**Question 13**

Very few candidates attempted this question on the historical accuracy of the resurrection accounts, and it was not answered well.

**Question 14**

Only a few candidates attempted this question on the politics of Palestine in the first century AD, but with quite good answers.