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**Monday 15 June 2020**

Afternoon (Time: 2 hours)

Paper Reference **9RS0/03**

**Religious Studies**

**Advanced**

**Paper 3: New Testament Studies**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are **three** sections in this question paper. Answer **all** the questions in each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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**SECTION A**

**Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

**1** Explore the synoptic problem.

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**(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)**

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2 Assess the importance of **one** of the following in relation to prophecy regarding the Messiah:

- the Suffering Servant
- the line of David.

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS**



**SECTION B**

**Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

**Read the following passage before answering the questions.**

- 18:31** Pilate said, 'Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.' But we have no right to execute anyone,' they objected.
- 32 This took place to fulfil what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die.
- 33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?'
- 34 'Is that your own idea,' Jesus asked, 'or did others talk to you about me?'
- 35 'Am I a Jew?' Pilate replied. 'Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?'
- 36 Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world...'
- 37 'You are a king, then!' said Pilate. Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.'
- 38 'What is truth?' retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, 'I find no basis for a charge against him.'

(Source: extract adapted from the *Holy Bible*, New International Version®, John 18:31-38, Edexcel Anthology)

**3 (a)** Clarify the ideas about the trial of Jesus before Pilate.

*You must refer to the passage in your response.*

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(b) Analyse the religious significance of the crucifixion narratives in Luke's Gospel.

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS**



**SECTION C**

**Write your answer in the space provided.**

- 4 Evaluate the claim that the 'I am' sayings show the significance of the most important themes of the Fourth Gospel.

In your response to this question, you must include how developments in New Testament Studies have been influenced by **one** of the following:

- Philosophy of Religion
- Religion and Ethics
- Study of Religion (excluding Christianity).

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS**  
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