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G574/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

New Testament

QUESTION PAPER

THURSDAY 14 MAY 2015: Morning

**DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes
plus your additional time allowance**

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Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

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**12 page Answer Booklet (OCR12)
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None

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Complete the boxes on the Answer Booklet with your name, centre number and candidate number.

Use black ink.

Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

Answer TWO questions.

Write the number of each question in the margin.

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Answer TWO questions.

- 1 (a) **Explain the significant features of common Judaism in first-century Palestine. [25]**

(b) **‘Most Jews, in first-century Palestine, were not concerned about Temple worship.’ Discuss. [10]**

- 2 (a) **Explain the significance of the incident in Mark 11 where Jesus’ authority is questioned. [25]**

(b) **To what extent was Jesus a threat to the Jewish religious leaders? [10]**

- 3 (a) **Explain the way in which Mark presents Jesus as both Son of God and Son of Man. [25]**

(b) **‘At the trial before the Jewish Council, Jesus acknowledged that he was the Messiah.’ Discuss. [10]**

- 4 (a) **Explain why issues of authorship and purpose are important when studying Mark’s gospel. [25]**

(b) **‘The Good News is not a history of the life of Jesus.’ Discuss. [10]**

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