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RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 8

Studies in The New Testament

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 21 June 2006

(1 hour 30 minutes)

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book. You are permitted to use a Bible, which may include the Apocrypha.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions carry 25 marks. The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all questions.

Answer two questions

1. (a) Outline the four-source hypothesis for the Synoptic Gospels. [15]
(b) 'The four-source hypothesis is not a convincing hypothesis.'
Assess this view. [10]

2. (a) Explain the ways in which the organisation of the early Christian communities developed during the New Testament period. [15]
(b) 'The New Testament thinks of the church only in terms of a local community.'
Evaluate this statement. [10]

3. (a) Examine the teaching in **one** gospel and **one** letter of Paul on marriage and divorce. [15]
(b) 'New Testament teaching on marriage and divorce has no relevance for our age.'
Assess this view. [10]