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RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 4

An Introduction to The New Testament

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 17 January 2007

(1 hour)

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 page answer book.

You are permitted to use a Bible, which may include the Apocrypha.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions carry 20 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 **Question 1** and **one other question**.

1.

The gospel accounts of the Resurrection of Jesus show many points of disagreement. Closer examination, however, reveals that they are remarkably consistent on the essential facts.

- (a) Describe the *many points of disagreement* in the *gospel accounts of the Resurrection*. [10]
- (b) Explain how and why all *the gospel accounts of the Resurrection are remarkably consistent on the essential facts*. [10]
2. (a) Describe, with examples, the different types of miracles in the New Testament. [10]
- (b) 'It is unreasonable to believe in New Testament miracles.'
Assess this view. [10]
3. (a) Examine how Christians should prepare for the end of the world, according to New Testament passages that you have studied. [10]
- (b) 'New Testament writers would be surprised to know that the world has lasted so long.'
Assess this statement. [10]