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RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 4

An Introduction to The New Testament

P.M. THURSDAY, 7 June 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.

Apocalyptic is a particular type of New Testament literature which has its own distinctive characteristics. It is meant to be a message of hope in difficult times.

- (a) Describe the *distinctive characteristics* of New Testament apocalyptic literature. [10]
- (b) Explain why New Testament apocalyptic literature *is meant to be a message of hope in difficult times*. [10]
2. (a) Explain how New Testament writers attempt to prove that the birth of Jesus was the Incarnation of God. [10]
- (b) 'Some of the stories about Jesus' birth are simply fairy tales.'
Assess this statement. [10]
3. (a) Explain what the New Testament miracle stories, including the Resurrection, may show about the true identity of Jesus. [10]
- (b) Paul wrote that 'if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile'.
Assess this view. [10]