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RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 8

Studies in the New Testament

A.M. THURSDAY, 21 June 2007

(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) Explain, with examples, how the principles of redaction criticism are applied to the text of the gospels. [15]
(b) 'Redaction criticism attaches too much importance to the personal views of the gospel writers.'
Assess this view. [10]
2. (a) Describe the various patterns of leadership in the early Christian communities. [15]
(b) 'The early Church in New Testament times had no structure and was completely disorganised.'
Evaluate this statement. [10]
3. (a) Examine the teaching on secular authority in **either** the Letter to the Romans **or** the Letters to the Corinthians. [15]
(b) 'Paul was no social reformer.'
Evaluate this view with reference to the Letter you have studied. [10]