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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **four** questions.

Answer at least **one** question from **each** Section.

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

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

This document consists of **4** printed pages.



Section A

Answer at least **one** question from this section.

If you choose question **1**, answer in **one** version only.

*Romans and James***REVISED STANDARD VERSION**

- 1** Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following, with brief reference to the general context:
- (a) They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them...
(Romans 2:15)
 - (b) That is why his faith was “reckoned to him as righteousness.” But the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. (Romans 4:22-24a)
 - (c) For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, indeed it cannot; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. (Romans 8:7-8)
 - (d) ...they were pleased to do it, and indeed they are in debt to them, for if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings. (Romans 15:27)
 - (e) James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greeting. (James 1:1)
 - (f) ...and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. (James 5:15)

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NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

- 1 Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following, with brief reference to the general context:
- a) ...since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them. (Romans 2:15)
- b) This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, but also for us... (Romans 4:22-24a)
- c) The sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. (Romans 8:7-8)
- d) They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews’ spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings. (Romans 15:27)
- e) James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:
Greetings (James 1:1)
- f) And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. (James 5:15)
- [25]
- 2 Analyse Paul’s teaching in Romans on the relationship between law and sin. [25]
- 3 What does the letter of James reveal about the beliefs and circumstances of those to whom it was addressed? [25]
- 4 To what extent were Paul and the author of James in agreement on the doctrinal basis and ethical principles of the Christian faith? [25]

Section B

Answer at least **one** question from this section.

- 5 When and why was Acts written? [25]
- 6 Assess the contributions made by Stephen and Philip to the development of the doctrine and mission of the early church. [25]
- 7 Discuss the role and the importance of the Holy Spirit in Paul's ethical teaching. [25]
- 8 Compare the significance of 'the new covenant' for the author of Hebrews and for Paul. [25]
- 9 'A sect within Judaism.' How appropriate is this as a description of the church in the Apostolic Age? [25]
- 10 Discuss the early church's relations with the Jewish and Roman authorities, and their understanding of the role of the state in human affairs. [25]

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