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Advanced Subsidiary GCE

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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NEW TESTAMENT 1

Thursday

9 JUNE 2005

Afternoon

1 hour

Additional materials:
Answer paper

TIME 1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer paper/ answer booklet.

Write your answers on the separate answer paper provided.

If you use more than one sheet of paper, fasten the sheets together.

Answer **two** questions, one from each part. Answer questions from **one** alternative only.

Do **not** answer two questions from the same part.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks available is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

The quality of your written communication will be taken into account.

This question paper consists of 3 printed pages and 1 blank page.

Answer questions from **one** Alternative only.

Alternative A – The Early Church

Answer **two** questions, **one** from Part 1 and **one** from Part 2.

Part 1

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 1 (a) Explain the problems concerning the destination of the letter to the Galatians. [33]
(b) 'North Galatia must have been the destination of Paul's letter.' Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a) Explain the importance of Peter's speech at the Council of Jerusalem. [33]
(b) 'Peter's speech was the most influential one at the Council of Jerusalem.' Discuss. [17]
- 3 (a) Explain the issues which arose when Paul visited Corinth. [33]
(b) 'The Jews were jealous of Paul's success.' Discuss. [17]

Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 4 (a) Describe and explain the incident when Paul and Silas were put in prison at Philippi. [33]
(b) 'The author's only purpose in writing about the events at Philippi was to show Paul as a miracle worker.' Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a) Explain the ways in which the author of Acts uses the concept of the Holy Spirit. [33]
(b) In Acts 13-19, how important was the Holy Spirit to the success of Paul's mission? [17]
- 6 (a) Explain the significant features of one event at Ephesus. [33]
(b) Assess the success of Paul's visit to Ephesus. [17]

Alternative B – The Gospel

Answer **two** questions, **one** from Part 1 and **one** from Part 2.

Part 1

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 7 (a) Explain why in Mark's gospel both the Jews and the Romans were involved in the death of Jesus. [33]
 (b) 'Mark blames the Jews and the Romans equally for the death of Jesus.' Discuss. [17]
- 8 (a) Explain the role of Pilate in John's account of the Roman trial. [33]
 (b) 'In John's gospel, Pilate is not responsible for the death of Jesus.' Discuss. [17]
- 9 (a) According to one gospel account, explain how and why Jesus was arrested. [33]
 (b) 'The arrest of Jesus was inevitable.' Discuss. [17]

Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 10 (a) Explain the significant features of John's account of the crucifixion. [33]
 (b) 'John's account of the crucifixion is about triumph rather than suffering.' Discuss. [17]
- 11 (a) Explain the problems concerning the resurrection appearances in Mark's gospel. [33]
 (b) To what extent are verses 9-20 an important addition to the resurrection account in Mark? [17]
- 12 (a) 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
 Explain the issues raised by the resurrection narrative in Chapter 20 of John's gospel. [33]
 (b) 'The disciples failed Jesus because they did not believe in the resurrection.' Discuss. [17]

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