

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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NEW TESTAMENT 1

Tuesday

17 JANUARY 2006

Morning

1 hour

Additional materials:

8-page answer booklet

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.

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Answer questions from **one** Alternative only.

Alternative A – Early Church

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

Part 1

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 1 (a)** ‘... we are now turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us.’ (Acts 13:46-47).
Explain the events that caused Paul to reject the Jews and turn to the gentiles. [33]
- (b)** ‘In Acts, gentiles are praised too much.’ Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a)** Describe and explain Paul’s speech at Antioch. [33]
- (b)** ‘The message of the gospel was more easily understood by the Jews than by the gentiles.’
Discuss. [17]
- 3 (a)** Describe and explain how the writer of Acts showed that Christianity was open to all people. [33]
- (b)** How successful was the writer of Acts in showing that Christianity was open to all people? [17]

Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 4 (a)** Explain the background to Paul’s criticism of Peter (Cephas) in Galatians 2. [33]
- (b)** ‘Paul’s role as an apostle was equal to that of James and Peter.’ Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a)** Explain the reasons for the decisions at the Jerusalem Council. [33]
- (b)** ‘The Jerusalem Council, as described in Acts, did not happen.’ Discuss. [17]
- 6 (a)** Describe one occasion when Paul performed a miracle and explain the effect it had. [33]
- (b)** ‘Paul’s miracles were not important events in his ministry.’ Discuss. [17]

Answer questions from **one** Alternative only.

Alternative B – The Gospels

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

Part 1

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 7 (a) Explain the significance of the actions of the Roman authorities in Mark's passion narrative. [33]
 (b) 'Mark did not blame the Romans for the death of Jesus.' Discuss. [17]
- 8 (a) Explain how John uses Old Testament texts in the crucifixion narrative. [33]
 (b) 'The suffering of Jesus is not an important part of the crucifixion in John.' Discuss. [17]
- 9 (a) Explain the debate about the historical accuracy of Mark's gospel. [33]
 (b) To what extent does it matter whether a gospel is historically accurate or not? [17]

Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 10 (a) What evidence is there to suggest that the Last Supper was a Passover meal? [33]
 (b) 'Whether or not it was a Passover meal is not an important feature of the Last Supper.' Discuss. [17]
- 11 (a) Explain the teachings about eternal life in the texts you have studied. [33]
 (b) 'Teachings about eternal life are more important in John than in Mark.' Discuss. [17]
- 12 (a) Explain the significant features of the resurrection appearance at Lake Tiberias. [33]
 (b) 'The account of the event at Lake Tiberias is so detailed it must be true.' Discuss. [17]

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