

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**

**Advanced Subsidiary GCE**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**2764**

**NEW TESTAMENT 1**

Thursday

**8 JUNE 2006**

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.

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

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) Describe and explain the significant features of Paul's speech at Athens. [33]  
(b) 'Paul's visit to Athens was not a success.' Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a) Explain the terms of the Apostolic letter at the Jerusalem Council. [33]  
(b) 'The Apostolic letter made it difficult for Jews to become Christians.' Discuss. [17]
- 3 (a) Explain what Paul said in his speeches about the resurrection of Christ. [33]  
(b) 'Paul had no knowledge of what happened at the resurrection.' Discuss. [17]

**Part 2**

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 4 (a) Describe and explain the occasion when Paul and Barnabas were thought to be gods. [33]  
(b) 'Paul encouraged his audiences to think he was a miracle worker.' Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a) Describe and explain one occasion when Paul defeated those who practised magic. [33]  
(b) 'Paul's miracles did more harm than good.' Discuss. [17]
- 6 (a) Explain, with evidence from the texts you have studied, what Paul meant by 'baptism into the Spirit'. [33]  
(b) "'Acts of the Apostles" should be re-named "Acts of the Holy Spirit".' 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) Describe and explain the actions of the Sanhedrin in bringing about Jesus' death. [33]  
 (b) 'Jesus was crucified because he was guilty of blasphemy.' Discuss. [17]
- 8 (a) Explain how John's gospel presents Jesus' death as a sacrifice. [33]  
 (b) 'John's account of Jesus' death is more about faith than fact.' Discuss. [17]
- 9 (a) From evidence in the texts you have studied explain why it was important for the gospel writers to include Old Testament references in their passion narratives. [33]  
 (b) 'The Old Testament was no longer important after the resurrection of Jesus.' Discuss. [17]

#### Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 10 (a) Compare Mark's and John's accounts of the discovery of the empty tomb. [33]  
 (b) 'Mark's account of the discovery of the empty tomb is more convincing than John's.' Discuss. [17]
- 11 (a) In the texts you have studied, what evidence is there for the sources of Mark's gospel? [33]  
 (b) 'Peter was the main source of Mark's gospel.' Discuss. [17]
- 12 (a) Explain the significant features of John's account of the discovery of the empty tomb and the resurrection appearance of Jesus to Mary Magdalene. [33]  
 (b) 'Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene is essential to an understanding of eternal life.' Discuss. [17]

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